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GAME ON!

Saints' hockey finally has a home of their own
with the opening of the La Brier Family Arena

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PAUL MOSEY

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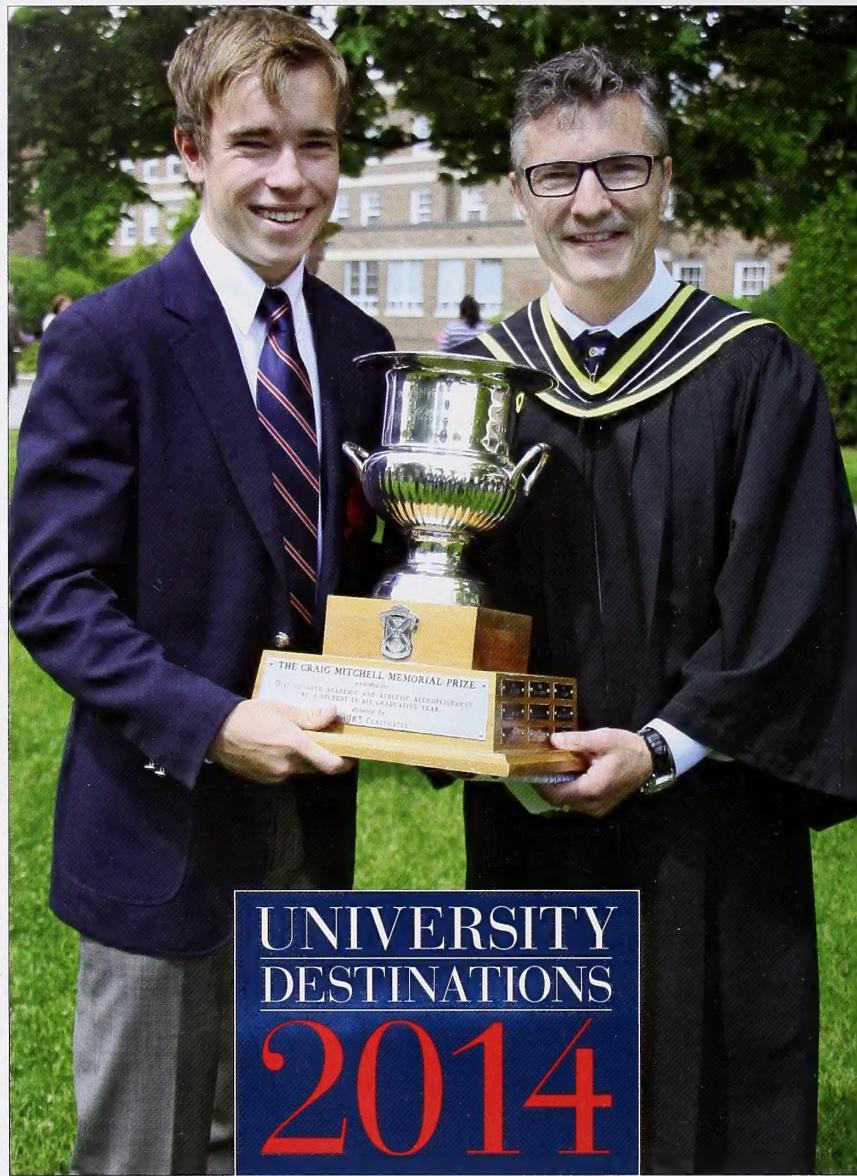
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A Blended Education

Online learning will complement SAC's academic offerings

Like many people, I spent my time as a student primarily seated at a desk in a classroom where a teacher delivered a lesson.

While I believe nothing can ever replace face-to-face instruction, there is value in exploring blended approaches that not only challenge the educational status quo but can also deliver quality education to the greatest number of students.

As chair of the CAIS Online Learning Steering Committee, I've spent the last year speaking to the independent school community about ways we can play a lead role in introducing online learning. There are two learning models being considered: one is purely online learning; the other, in which I see real value, is a hybrid approach called blended learning. A key component to blended learning is that course content is delivered outside of the classroom through a variety of online tools. These "flipped classrooms" focus on the teacher reinforcing the content through a variety of classroom activities primarily focused on student collaboration.

This new blended realm of online and traditional learning has been gaining traction for some time, and it won't be long until the first courses are accredited. Independent schools are well-positioned to be at the forefront of this movement in terms of providing a platform, content, or laboratories for online learners.

SAC is always looking for excellent academic programs and online learning will complement our offerings. It also holds particular promise for a school with an infrastructure like ours. Over the past few years, we've invested \$43 million in capital improvements for an athletic complex, multi-purpose arena—and opening this spring—an academic facility for cutting-edge programming that adds seven new teaching spaces for robotics

and engineering, leadership and business, drama, and music.

Next year, the School will create a new strategic plan, one that will combine SAC's amazing physical space with continued programming excellence now and into the future. St. Andrew's can use its technological leadership in the classroom, and build on this digital head-start to assume a place at the forefront of the online educational movement.

I don't think there's ever been a more exciting time to be an educator or a student at St. Andrew's.

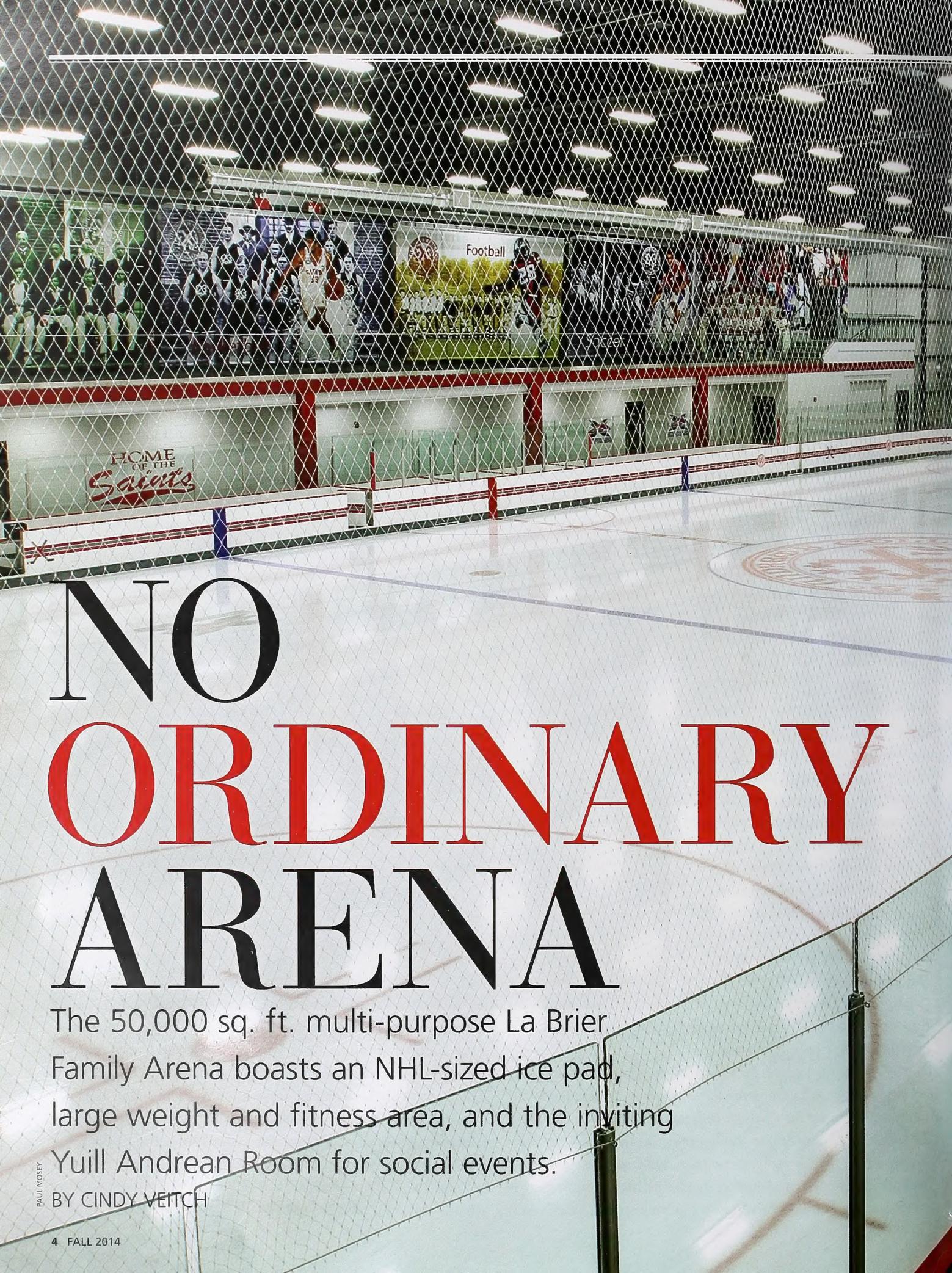
In this issue you will read about two recent capital



Digital Headstart: SAC is well-positioned to lead the new approach to combining online and traditional learning.

improvements that have generated tremendous excitement—the opening of the La Brier Family Arena (pg. 4) and the renovations to the Great Hall (pg. 26). And this spring, when the Centre for Leadership, Innovation & Performance opens its doors, the campus will be truly transformed, ready to inspire its students, and embrace whatever learning style delivers the best academic experience.

And we'll be able to finally say goodbye to the dust and mud, once and for all.  KEVIN MCHENRY, HEADMASTER



NO ORDINARY ARENA

The 50,000 sq. ft. multi-purpose La Brier Family Arena boasts an NHL-sized ice pad, large weight and fitness area, and the inviting Yuill Andrean Room for social events.

PAUL MOSEY

BY CINDY VEITCH





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eadmaster Kevin McHenry still shakes his head at the memory of current parents Michael and Wendy La Brier walking into his office nearly three years ago with a vision and the lead gift to build an arena.

“I was stunned,” he says. The gift would become \$5 million, one of the largest pledges ever made to the School. It would also help to fulfill SAC’s long-held dream of having its own arena.

It was an appealing offer; however, the School had just launched a \$28-million capital campaign, and the idea of adding additional millions to finance an arena didn’t seem feasible.

Nevertheless, the proposal was sent to SAC’s Board of Governors, Campaign Committee, and Leadership Team. After much deliberation, it was decided to accept the La Briers’ generous leadership gift and add a third and final phase to the now \$37M *Not An Ordinary Place* Campaign.

It was determined that a multi-use facility—one with an NHL-sized ice surface, dedicated weight and fitness training area, and a club room for social events—would best serve the needs of the School community.

Graziani & Corazza Architects were commissioned and worked with user groups to ensure essential elements were incorporated into the design. Bolt Developments was awarded the building contract, and Turner and Townsend, which had already been engaged to oversee SAC’s interests in the Phase 2 academic building, would manage the arena project as well.

With full support from the Town of Aurora, pleased to have another ice pad in the community, plans and permits were fast-tracked. The Advancement Team refreshed the campaign material, and William Scouler, Head of Drama, created a three-minute hockey video



highlighting the School's strong tradition of hockey excellence and the additional benefits of this facility for the Andrean community. In March 2013, mere days after ground was broken for the \$20.5M academic facility, the arena project began.

Seventeen months later, the La Brier Family Arena was completed and being used by NHL and major junior hockey players attending the Gary Roberts training camp in August.

Official opening ceremonies coincided with Homecoming on September 20 and included VIP donors, builders, and arena supporters. Michael and Wendy La Brier were accompanied by their five children—including current students **Jacob '15** and **Lucas '18**—and extended family members from Canada and the U.S. The couple was piped onto the ice with Headmaster McHenry, Board Chair **Michael Sifton '79**, NAOP Campaign Chair, Dan Stock, and Executive Director of Advancement, Scott Hayter.

"I am so proud and humbled," said Headmaster McHenry, speaking before a full house of over 1,000 onlookers. "It feels so surreal to be standing here today."

The La Briers spoke with passion about what St. Andrew's means to them and how, as a family, they wanted to add to its legacy. "An on-site rink, a missing piece of infrastructure at SAC, is something that we thought would accomplish this," said Mr. La Brier, prior to the couple cutting the ribbon.

Situated at the back of the campus, directly across from the \$6.5M Yuill Family Athletic Complex opened in 2012, sits this 50,000 sq. ft. facility, the result of the time, treasure, and talent of its many supporters.

Tino Paolini, the former Head of Art, was commissioned to paint

The Saints Go Skating On

BY SCOTT SILLCOX '77

For the first time in the School's history, the Saints have an indoor hockey rink. Over the years, SAC has called various arenas and ice surfaces home.



1899-1900
Junior
Hockey
Team

In SAC's inaugural season of 1899-1900, two hockey teams were iced, the senior team and a junior team. The senior team's home games and practices took place at Mutual Street Rink in Toronto. Even though it had been covered in 1885, the ice was natural and wholly dependent on the weather.



Mutual
Street
Arena,
Toronto

In 1905, SAC moved east to the new Rosedale campus. Headmaster Rev. D. Bruce Macdonald "expects to have a covered rink shortly." He surely would have been dismayed to know that his vision wouldn't be realized for more than a century!



Saints 1907
Hockey Team

In 1912, the Mutual Street Rink was torn down and replaced by the largest indoor arena in Canada—The Arena Gardens. As well as being SAC's home rink, it was home to the Toronto Blueshirts, which by 1927 had become the Toronto Maple Leafs.



PAUL MOSEY
Lead donors Michael and Wendy La Brier, with sons Lucas '18 (left) and Jacob '15, cut the ribbon to mark the official opening of the arena on September 20, 2014.



PAUL MOSEY
The Zamboni was funded in part by Terra and Cliff Sifton '77, here with son CJ '13, and Tammy and Jeff Rodin of Nacora International Insurance Brokers.



(l-r) Scott Cole '80, Dan Stock, Chair of the NAOP Campaign, and Marianne and Andrew Guizzetti were attendees at a donor reception held in the Yuill Andrean Room.

four large oil portraits of SAC athletes past and present. Three of these beautiful paintings grace the walls of the Iwai Family lobby, named in honour of a campaign donation by Dean and Kelly Iwai, parents of four current students. The fourth painting is on the second floor above the staircase to the Lawrence Family Lobby, named for the campaign support received from this three-generation Andrean family.

Surrounding the walls of the ice surface is a spectacular series of 27 murals depicting SAC's sporting traditions since the School's inception. Stephen Kimmerer, visual arts and graphic design teacher and the new Head of Art, blended historic and modern photos in collages celebrating St. Andrew's sports.

The hockey wrap is visible as you enter the ice pad and makes an immediate impact, representing the tradition, excellence, and participation of U12 to Varsity hockey players. SAC's sports diversity is depicted in images of teams such as football, rugby, cricket, soccer, and lacrosse stretching along the other walls.

"Headmaster McHenry essentially allowed me to create graphics as I saw fit, and I think he was pleased with the result," says Mr. Kimmerer, who spent the entire summer developing the graphics and overseeing their printing and installation.

The murals on the east wall, located on the Beswick Dryland Training Platform, roll up to accommodate eventual pull-out seating for 400. This space can also be used for rainy day Cadet and sporting practices. The platform is named in acknowledgment of a campaign gift from current parents, Kevin and Tracy Beswick.

The arena has five change rooms, one of which is dedicated to Saints Varsity Hockey. It was funded by the SAC Hockey Booster Club, a group of supporters who raised \$250,000 to outfit the state-of-the-art dressing room. It is customized with individual equipment stalls that rival those used by professional hockey teams. A SAC-crested carpet sits in the centre and the School's motto, and "Quit ye like men, be strong," is lettered on the back wall.



Varsity Hockey Coach David Manning was actively involved in equipping this room to make sure it provided for the School's hockey program not only now but also into the future. A flat screen TV is mounted on the wall for instructional use, and his office adjoins the dressing room. An Athletic Therapy facility rounds out the space.

Another major use for this multi-purpose facility is a 6,000 sq. ft. weight room and training space with cutting-edge equipment. It has

allowed the School to triple its weight program and justified the hiring of a full-time strength and conditioning coach. The upper floor exercise area has a full complement of equipment, including stationary bikes that can be pulled up to the windows to watch on-ice action or field sports below.

The final jewel in the crown of the La Brier Family Arena is a 3,000 sq. ft. second-floor club room with its own catering kitchen, stone fireplace, and flat screen TV. The Yuill Andrean Room is named for benefactors Liz and Bill Yuill '57. Fans can watch hockey games in comfortable leather club chairs donated by current parent Todd Childerhouse (he also donated the leather furniture in the lobbies) or step outside to a raised VIP-seating platform.

When not in use by the School, the ice will be rented to other users groups and to the Town of Aurora. The York Simcoe Express Triple-A hockey league has signed a contract making the La Brier Family Arena their home ice. This and other rentals will help recoup some of the operating costs, along with proceeds from the concession stand run by SAC's Food Services.

"It's been a labour of love for all involved," says Headmaster McHenry, a supporter of the project since the start. "The result is a building that is truly amazing and so much more than an arena." ☀



**John Murray,
the School's
new strength
& conditioning
coach.**

The Saints Go Skating On



**1927-28
Varsity
Hockey
Team**

By 1926 SAC had relocated to Aurora. The campus featured three outdoor rinks—all located slightly northwest of where Rogers Hall is today. Beginning in 1930, the Lower School boasted its own rink in front of Macdonald House, where a rink remains today.

The Varsity Team played home games at the new Aurora Arena after the old arena's roof collapsed under the weight of snow in December 1929.



**Back
rinks on
Aurora
campus**

Things changed dramatically in February 1965, when the Aurora Arena burned down. For that season all SAC teams made use of the outdoor rinks, and used the Bradford Arena for home games and practices. The Aurora Community Centre that replaced it in 1967 would be home to Saints' hockey for the next 47 years.



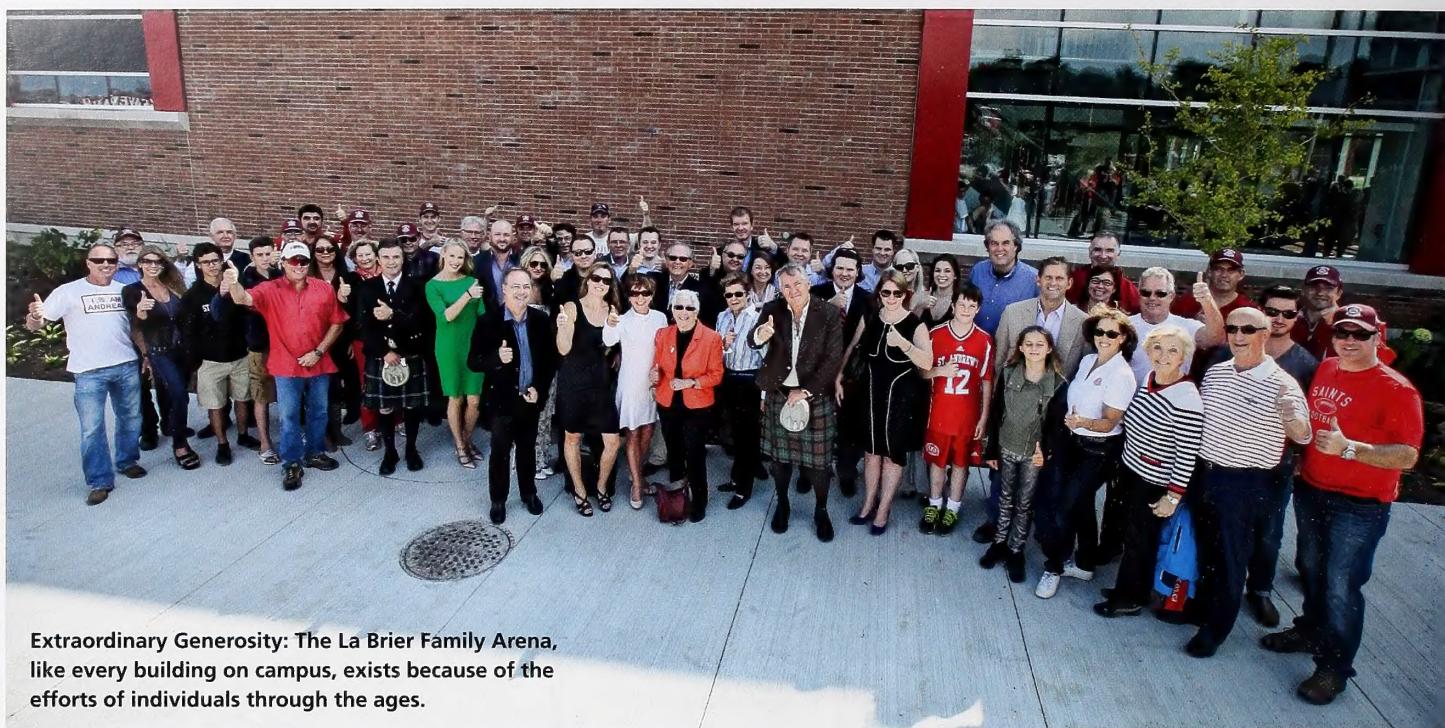
**1981-82
Varsity
Hockey
Team**

In the 1970s, the building of McLaughlin Hall necessitated movement of the outdoor rinks to the playing fields near Masters' Row, and then in more recent years to the Quad. Since 1970 these rinks no longer use permanent boards.



**SAC
Over 40
Alumni
Game—
Sept. 20,
2014**

It seems highly appropriate and long overdue that SAC now has its own magnificent arena, a mere 109 years after it was first discussed!



Extraordinary Generosity: The La Brier Family Arena, like every building on campus, exists because of the efforts of individuals through the ages.

It Takes a Community

La Brier name among many who've left their mark

The following is an excerpt from the speech presented by Chairman of the Board of Governors, Michael Sifton '79, at the official opening ceremonies for La Brier Family Arena.

St. Andrew's College is about boys, boarding, and brotherhood. SAC is also about upholding traditions, maintaining an innovative edge, and staying ahead of our competitors. I think all these points blend into our mission statement, providing a steady hand to the development of the complete man.

The mission of the School goes back to 1899 when it was founded. It was probably articulated best by Dr. Bruce Macdonald, Headmaster from 1900 to 1935 and Chair of the Board of Governors from 1938 to 1947. He believed in that mission statement. He's the one who imprinted it. He believed in teaching boys to be complete men through their studies, spirituality, the arts, and sports. Sports, he felt, gave boys character.

I'm proud to say this mission statement lives on today. It does more than live on; it's what drives us. This arena is part of that mission statement. This isn't just a hockey arena. It's a multi-purpose facility that allows us to do so much more.

I walk around here and I'm in awe. The intelligence that went into the design of this building far surpasses any other facility like this I've seen. There are so many people to thank. And of course, this wouldn't have happened at all if it weren't for our extremely generous donors, many of whom are sitting in front of me right now.

When you talk about legacy, know that there isn't a building on this campus, including the property itself that would be here if it weren't for the extraordinary generosity of folks over the generations. Now the La Briers have joined that legacy. But it also goes back to the Flavelles, the Dunlaps, the Rogers, and McLaughlins. Not a brick has been put in place that did not come from the extraordinary efforts of individuals who decided to make a difference throughout generations of Andreans.

A very special thanks to Mike and Wendy as well as to Jacob and Lucas, Taylor, Dan, and Sam—the La Brier family. Mike is an entrepreneur. This is an entrepreneurial affair. We had no plans to build this arena right now. We were trying to get the other things built. But Mike came along with an idea, the vision, the guts, and the willingness to help us make it all happen. So we went into hurry-up offence and...here we are today. 

The Story of a Bullied Kid

Last spring, when Otto Saarimaa was in grade 10, he stood in front of the entire school and bravely shared his personal, eight-year experience of being bullied prior to coming to SAC. His heartfelt story deeply impacted students and teachers. It also reinforces why SAC's zero tolerance stance toward bullying is so important. This is an edited version of Otto's speech.

Growing up in Finland, I was bullied. It traumatized me.

It started in kindergarten and didn't end until grade 6. I didn't realize I was bullied right away, as I thought it was normal for other people to call me names and make fun of me. I told my mom and she called the school. The bullying stopped, for a while; however, it soon became worse. I was taunted walking home from school and pushed into streams and bushes. I was always scared.

They say words don't hurt, only actions, but from my experience, both hurt and tear you apart inside.

The following year, I made some good friends and things were better. I had grown and was big for my age. Soon the older kids began to bully me, this time for standing up to protect smaller kids. One incident was so violent that my finger was broken and the assailant broke his wrist.

After that, older boys bullied me constantly. I was called every name imaginable and left scarred from assaults. The biggest scars, however, I carry inside.

I could have told a teacher, but I wanted to manage it myself. I thought I was strong and could survive the attacks. One day, a bully found out I carried my best friend's photo with me. He laughed hard and meanly, shouting 'gay, gay, gay' as I walked away. What I didn't tell him was that my



"I went to his gravesite and cried, thinking about the bully laughing. That was the moment I realized this needed to stop."

friend was dead. I went to his gravesite and cried, thinking about the bully laughing. That was the moment I realized this needed to stop.

The next day, a new Otto walked to class. Because of hockey, I would soon be attending another school. During break, the bully from the previous evening came over and began taunting me again. I stood firm and stared him in the eyes. I was boiling with anger. I realized for the first time how much bigger I was and could easily make his life miserable. But I wasn't that kind of person. I wanted him and the

others to understand, not suffer. Nobody should be bullied, not even a bully.

After staring angrily into his eyes, I sensed his fear. His knees began to shake as I took a step closer and asked, "How do you feel?" I was athletic and fast. I made him

feel small and fearful—just as he'd made me feel. I left him shaking and crying, even though I had barely touched him.

With courage, I had stopped the bullying.

I went on to a new school where I was respected and had my hockey team behind me. I practiced hard and was the youngest player to make the Finnish national team at my age division. My classmates and teachers supported me and watched every game. We won the Finnish championship, and the whole school celebrated. Everybody wanted to be my friend, and I tried to be everybody's—even my old tormentors.

I had suffered bullying for eight years but overcame it through the sport I love. I came to St. Andrew's College in grade 10 to play great hockey and to get a great education. I know bullying would never have happened here because, in my experience, the culture is about supporting, not hurting each other.

My dreams may have come true but the bullying has left scars that will never go away. Bullying is not good for anyone, and no one should be bullied for any reason.



Tino Paolini

A SAC icon bids farewell

BY JIM MCGILLIVRAY

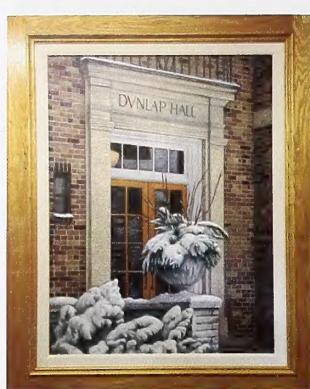
Recognized by colleagues not only as an artist, but also as a gentleman and a man of wisdom, insight and humility, it is clear to all who know him that while someone may succeed him, no one will replace him. Following are some of Tino's reflections on his long career from an interview the morning after his retirement tribute.

On leaving St. Andrew's

I think about the things I will miss, the things I will no longer be able to do. Routine is very important. I'm going to miss being in this studio, working in this office, working with the boys. I have so many beautiful memories of coming here during weekends and holidays. I would have the whole studio to myself. I would put some music on and just paint away. I'm going to miss the kids. Some students have been very kind and have said so many nice things about me. Many former students came to my retirement party. It makes me realize that as a teacher you're much like a parent and you have a profound impact on these boys. If they are down

and you give them support, they bounce back. I'm always very conscious of that, and when boys are down I try not to make it any harder for them. I've always approached teaching from a supportive point of view; whatever they can do, I just try to help them do better. The kids are so appreciative. It's a wonderful relationship.

There are some amazing teachers here. Today's teachers are just as dedicated as we were 34 years ago. I'll miss not being able to chat with St. Andrew's people on a daily basis. I've always had great support from everyone in the School: from the office staff, teachers, and maintenance crew to those in the dining hall.



Tino leaves a beautiful legacy in these masterful paintings that adorn the walls of St. Andrew's, most of which were inspired by the campus around him.

Early teachers

When I started, Lloyd MacPherson was nearing the end of his career. At the time I thought he was the ultimate Andrean. He would often come to school and teach in a kilt. I clearly remember Stan Macfarlane and Dick Gibb—both of them real characters. It's funny how I remember those early years so clearly, whereas I might struggle with memories from 20 years ago.

In the early years, the faculty was so much smaller, and we were such a tight-knit group. We had to meet weekly to discuss all the things we now disseminate with technology. The timetable was different and the workweek was longer. Today we have more autonomy and convenience. But what great people I met in those years. They reminded me of characters in a Harry Potter book. They were "masters" and their personalities reflected a different era. I remember Gary West, who was such a cheerful

guy who was happy to do anything for you. David Timms was such a wise man. Geoff Smith—talk about a jack-of-all-trades: he could do anything and fix anything, whether it was hardware or computers or administration. I thought he was a genius. Most importantly, he had a great relationship with the kids. Geoff, in my day, was probably the most admired teacher on the faculty. Another person who was very funny, despite his austere demeanour, was Derek Inglis. Bob Bedard was a gentleman and very noble—quiet and kind and softly-spoken, but firm when he had to be.

On changes in 34 years

Technology in the studio has its drawbacks. But we can also do many things we could not do before. I used to show the boys artwork with slides, which were expensive, or with poor copies from books. Today, anything worth seeing is on the Internet, sometimes in high resolution, and you can often

just take it and use it any way you like. Digital photography is amazing as well. Having immediate access to photos you take is a huge boon. We have high-quality cameras at our fingertips.

Reporting technology is incredible for recording marks. Communicating with parents and students is much easier. However, the drawback is that sometimes kids can be distracted by email and texting. They do it in class when they are supposed to be working.

On his future

Fortunately, I have my art. I will continue to paint. I'm still very interested in sports. I hope to get fit again: more tennis, cycling, soccer, and squash. I hope to still have some involvement in art here since we do bring people in from outside to help. I hope I can still show my work here and come back for guest appearances. St. Andrew's is such an important part of me that to break off completely would be a tremendous loss for me.

On growth and respect

I have no doubt that St. Andrew's has made me a better person. I think when you work in an environment like ours where you place high expectations on others, you have to place them on yourself as well. I've always tried to be professional and demand of myself what I demand of the kids. I think that being more accountable has made me a better person, a better father, and a better husband. I have always been conscious that my actions have repercussions, so I try to be very careful. Headmaster McHenry said in my retirement speech that he always finds me calm.

I've always tried to speak with heart and reason at the same time and not get carried away. We all deal with stress. Find a way to cope with it and don't do or say things you'll wish you hadn't. And treat people as if they are important, which they are. Using that attitude really helped me to thrive, and I think I leave here with no enemies. On the other hand, I hope I've had the courage to speak out when I thought things needed to be said. I respect everyone, and I think I got a lot of that in return.

Career-wise, I'm sad to leave but I'm very proud. I feel much like an athlete who has played on one team his whole career and now his number is being retired. It defines me and brands me as an Andrean. I'm very proud of that. I hope everyone here can find the same satisfaction that I have. For me, it's time to watch from the sidelines. 

Tino's accomplishments were described in a comprehensive Spring 2010 Andrean profile. You can read it at www.sac.on.ca/pages/tino-paolini



Family is important to Tino, shown here at his retirement party with his wife, Christine, and their children and grandchildren.

Wishing Tino Well

The ever-so-humble Tino credits his students with being a tremendous motivational force and constant inspiration for his own work. But the admiration and respect works both ways, as evidenced by the many messages of congratulations and well-wishes received from around the globe upon his retirement.

I had the pleasure of playing on your Tennis team in grade 9, seven months after you politely walked me over to music from your art class on, I believe, my second day as a new boy. As a coach you believed in me as a tennis player more than I did. —Chris Kelly '89

Thanks again for your patience with my artistic shortcomings and for everything else you did for the School outside the classroom. Now, if I could only find a school just like SAC here in California for my two boys... the world needs more schools like SAC! —Todd Dow '86

I still hear you saying, 'Draw what you see, not what you think.' Thank you for being so patient with me and our entire Class of 2007. You taught us well. —Henry Liu '07

Yours was one of the classes I enjoyed most. I also remember riding road bikes with you in 1982 and 1983 on the back roads of Aurora. —Tony Armstrong '83

Thirty-four years is indeed an accomplishment! You have helped to cultivate a love for art in many young men, including myself. —Robert Keto '94

You've been an inspiration for thousands of Andreans—although some were much better than others when it came to visual art! For me, your influence is perhaps best illustrated when the School transformed the old gym (with a completely new hard wood floor) into a fabulous art studio. —Mark Fell '87

This fine gentleman has profoundly impacted my life... he was my advisor, coach, and teacher while at SAC. Today I follow his wisdom by striving for excellence while enjoying it. Your contributions will never be forgotten, nor ever be duplicated. —Sean Sam Chee '91

You taught me that even without talent I could produce decent pieces through hard work and a little technique. I think that lesson applies to just about everything in life. —Carlos Portilla '96

You certainly inspired me to improve. I remember drawing my first semi-nude girl during study and you looking at it and saying 'there's a lot for you to learn about a woman.' So right you were. I'm still learning at the age of 44. —Cameron Carey '88

Significant Sacrifice

St. Andrew's immeasurable contribution to the Great War

This year marks the centennial of the start of the Great War, where, between 1914-1918, over 600 Andreans fought and 104 Old Boys and two masters lost their lives.

One hundred years ago, a young Serbian nationalist assassinated the heir to the Austro-Hungarian Empire, sparking one of the bloodiest conflicts in human history.

Interestingly, most Canadians took very little notice of the events transpiring in Europe. As history has proven, those events had an enormous impact not only on our country but also on our Andrean community.

At St. Andrew's College, Headmaster Dr. D. Bruce Macdonald lauded the achievements of the 1913-1914 academic year, as described in William Scouler's book *Not An Ordinary Place*. **Lindsay Wright**, Class of 1914, captained the championship football team while classmate **Richard A. Brown**, established a new School record in the Annual Cross-Country Run. When the boys of SAC returned in September, Europe was ablaze and as the boys prepared for classes, British, French, and German troops were fighting a decisive battle along the river Marne. As you can imagine, Andreans wasted no time joining the fight. And it was in the spring of 1915 when St. Andrew's lost the first son; on March 16 of that year, Lt. **Frederick C. Andrews**, Class of 1915, fighting with the Royal Leinsters, died of gunshot wounds.

After the gas attack at Ypres in 1915, Andreans were involved in all major battles of this grand conflict. Sadly, many of the young men who helped establish St. Andrew's in the early years would not return. Lt. **Maurice Malone**, Class of 1913 and a close friend to Richard Brown, was killed repelling a German attack at Ypres on June 3, 1916.

Lt. Brown, who distinguished himself at the Battle of Vimy Ridge earning the Military Cross, was killed in the mud and blood of Passchendaele on November 14, 1917. As fate would have it, both Malone and Brown, such dear friends during their time at St. Andrew's, are buried in the Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, mere feet from one another. And Lt. Wright was killed by a German high explosive shell on August 28, 1918.

The sacrifice made by St. Andrew's during the Great War was indeed significant. In 1921, Governor General Lord Byng of Vimy visited the old Rosedale school and unveiled the memorial tablet; Percy Robinson, Latin master, read the roll call, and *Flowers of the Forest* was played by Cadet Lt. F. Roper Dayment '22 and Sgt. Harold Hunter '22. Headmaster

Macdonald ended the service praising the Andrean effort in the Great War.

When St. Andrew's moved to Aurora in 1926, the new school was founded quite firmly in memory of those who never returned. That memory lives on to this day.

Both Memorial House and the Memorial Chapel are living reminders of that very sacrifice. And, every year, Andreans return to the sacred battlefields of France and Belgium to honour the men who laid themselves so selflessly upon the altar of sacrifice.

As we look to the future at SAC, we must also look to the past and discover where we have come from: 1914 was a pivotal year in both Canadian history and the history of St. Andrew's College.

And if we understand the journey St. Andrew's has been on, we will remain faithful forever: *Dileas Gu Brath.* ✕ DAVID D. STEWART, HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



Friends **Richard A. Brown**, Class of 1914 (above) and Lt. **Maurice Malone**, Class of 1913, are buried mere feet from one another in Belgium.



2014 graduates (l-r) Jordan Carter, George Ciuciureanu, Francois Yoshida-Are, and Jacob King

ANNUAL REPORT 2014

Headmaster's 2014

Prize Day Speech

The following is an edited version of the speech given by Headmaster Kevin McHenry at SAC's 115th Prize Day ceremony in June.

Each year's graduating class distinguishes itself in some fashion and this year is no exception. It is very apparent to me that this group of 97 young men loves their school. They have set a wonderful tone all year, and I couldn't be more proud of their collective commitment and excellence.

Academically, they have 360 first-round university offers and have won more than \$700,000 in scholarships. The average number of university offers per student is 4.3.

Fifty-seven percent of the class will attend university in Ontario, which is down over 10% from last year. I'm pleased to say that Wilfrid Laurier University leads the charge with 11 SAC students attending. Ten students will attend the University of Toronto, eight will attend Queen's University, and another five to McMaster University.

Sixteen per cent will attend out-of-province schools in Canada, which is up 8% from last year, and 16% of the class will attend university in the United States with acceptances at a variety of universities including the University of Southern California, Michigan State, Northeastern University, University of New Hampshire, University at Buffalo, Columbia, and Cornell.

It's been a very successful year academically. Outside the classroom, this group of young men certainly lived the

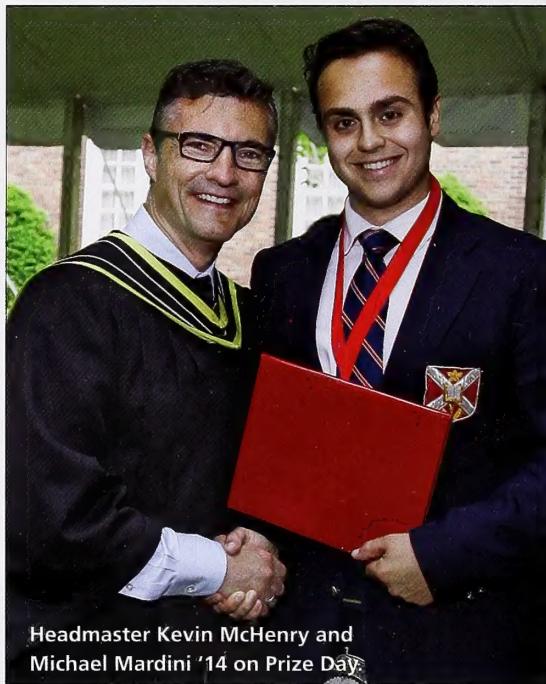
theme "Build Community" in many different ways.

Il faut aussi reconnaître les élèves du programme de Français Intensif. Aujourd'hui dix (10) étudiants obtiennent leur diplôme après quatre ans de travail. Félicitations! In translation, we must also recognize the students in the Extended French program. Today, ten students will receive their certificate after four years of work. Congratulations to these students!

I have the best job in the world. I get to work in an environment that is all about dedication, excellence, and pride. I continue to be astonished by how much our boys accomplish and how they are so incredibly supportive of one another. I'd like to mention three—of a thousand or so—memorable moments that involve this year's grade 12 class:

1. At Carol Service in December: how could anyone forget the incredible Andrean brotherhood that was demonstrated, as close to 100 Old Boys came to the front of the church to stand alongside our boys to belt-out a very loud rendition of *Amazing Grace*? Watching the grads embrace one another, swaying back-and-forth as tears trickled down many of their faces, was, to say the least, a surreal experience.

2. Standing back and appreciating how respectful our students are is a favourite pastime of mine. I will often stand at the top of the stairs in the Gallery in between classes to watch the boys joke around with one another; open a door or say hello to a visitor; or go completely quiet on the odd occasion when a teenage girl happens to walk through the



Headmaster Kevin McHenry and Michael Mardini '14 on Prize Day

gallery for some reason or another. There's no doubt in my mind that these young men understand and appreciate the incredible privilege they have in attending SAC. To reinforce my point, I received this email from a grad a couple of weeks ago:

*Hi Mr. McHenry,
This year has been, without a doubt, my greatest at SAC. It truly seems like only a short time ago that I was watching my brother's U13 Soccer game at his first Homecoming in 2005, and now my own time at St. Andrew's is coming to a close. It's tough to put perspective on something that has had such a huge impact on my life, but I'm sure that will come with time. St. Andrew's has given me more than I could have ever imagined and has shaped who I am today.*

Throughout this last year, my dad continually reminded me how important it is to stay in the moment, particularly as this is a year with many "lasts." This perspective has allowed me to really appreciate how fortunate we are to be a part of such an amazing community and is something I wish I had learned earlier.

Time and again we are told that you get out of SAC what you put in, and I'm confident that when I leave campus for the last time as a student, I will have no regrets about how I spent my first six years as an Andrean. SAC is truly a special place and I'm sure my relationship with the School is only just beginning. —Michael Mardini '14

3. The third memorable moment for me this year was our paintball experience in May, a special day for "surviving" the campus construction. It really wasn't the paintball experience itself; rather, it was the opportunity to watch the grads and their teachers have an absolute blast with one another in between battles. It was a gorgeous day outside

and the Andrean brotherhood was omnipresent. Lifelong friendships were forged to an even higher level, and I can't wait to see how these friendships have developed in September 2024 when this group returns for their 10th year reunion during Homecoming at SAC.

I'd like to thank this group of educators. They are the ones who have brought out the best in your sons and who have taught them, not only course lessons, but life lessons. We are very fortunate to have their talents at our school.

There was a very positive faculty meeting to determine the recipients of the various awards. All one has to do is

"I continue to be astonished by how much our boys accomplish and how they are so incredibly supportive of one another."

spend five minutes in this meeting in order to get a clear sense as to how caring, dedicated, and passionate our incredible faculty is.

In closing, I would once again like to thank each and every member of the Class of 2014 sincerely. There was definitely a common theme during just about every speech that was given at the grad dinner. Whether you're an Old Boy, parent, grandparent or sibling, you are always welcome back to your school, and I hope to see each of you at Homecoming on September 20. It will be an extra special weekend as we are playing UCC across the board, and we will also be having the grand opening of our new arena.

Grads, we truly hope that you will keep in touch with us as you continue the journey of life. ☘

SAC Foundation Statement of Operations 2013–2014

Year Ended June 30	2014	2013
REVENUE		
Donations	4,648,277	5,295,718
Interest & Dividends	858,182	789,118
Realized Gain/(Loss) on sale of Investments	852,188	741,777
Total Revenue	\$6,358,647	\$6,826,613

DISTRIBUTIONS		
Scholarships & Bursaries	780,143	738,644
School's Priority Needs & Designated Gifts		
Unrestricted Donations	468,899	509,486
Other Designated Gifts	322,172	335,292
Gifts in Kind	10,150	4,852
Capital Projects (CMP & Major Renovations)	3,789,242	4,467,156
Total Distributed to St. Andrew's College	\$5,370,606	\$6,055,430

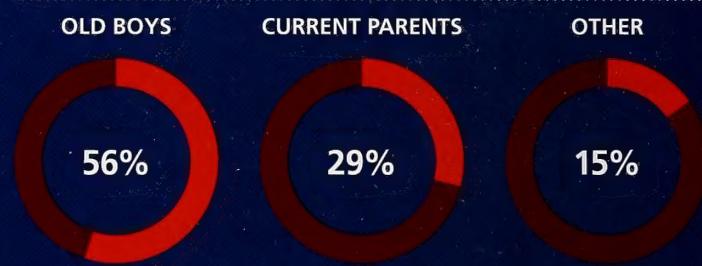
OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS		
Investment & Custody Fees	119,347	123,611
Planned Giving Expense	140,370	144,302
	\$259,717	\$267,913
Total Distributions	5,630,323	\$6,323,343

Excess (Deficit) of revenue over expenses for the year	728,324	503,270
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	25,129,379	23,054,806
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	2,740,885	1,571,303
Fund Balance End of Year	\$28,598,588	\$25,129,379

DONATIONS



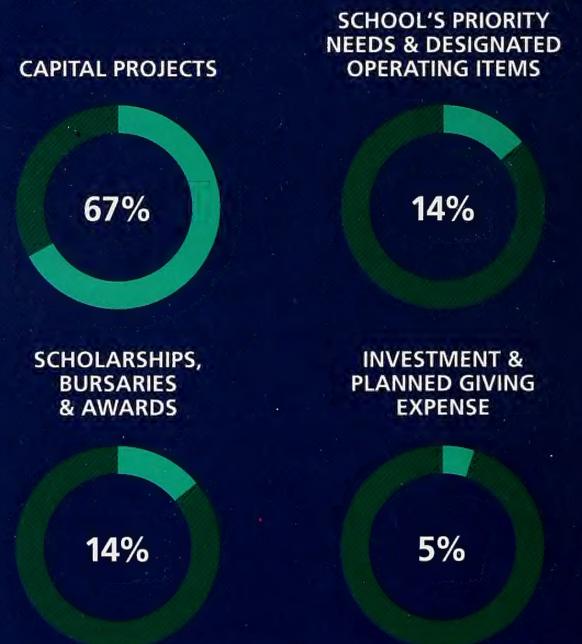
DONATIONS BY CONSTITUENCY



GOVERNORS & TRUSTEES: 50%

This % is counted in the above totals as all Governors and Trustees are in another category.

DISTRIBUTIONS



How is SAC Funded?

The audit for St. Andrew's College was conducted in August 2014 by Smith Sykes Leeper and Tunstall for the year ending June 30, 2014.

Statement of Operations

The breakdown of expenses and revenues is shown in graphical format on the right. For internal purposes and for the purpose of setting tuition fees, the Board does not budget for depreciation; however, we do allocate \$800,000 toward major expenses on plant repairs and maintenance in any given year.

SAC Revenues 2013–2014

Tuition revenues and mandatory fees are the primary revenue source. Ancillary revenue is comprised of interest income, housing rentals, summer program revenue, Campus Shop revenue, and rental of facilities. Donations toward operating costs were \$1.47 million in 2014, with \$950,000 coming from the SAC endowment funds.

SAC Expenses 2013–2014

The expense chart depicts expenses based on a functional division. Salaries and wages represent approximately 60% of our total budget but are included within the functional areas.

The percentage of expenses in each category is very stable year over year. Academic and co-curricular expenses refer to all student program activities including athletics, Cadets, library, and resident support services. Buildings, grounds, and maintenance expenses include utilities, insurance, repairs, and replacement of small capital items. Financial Aid represents just over \$2 million in bursaries and scholarships.

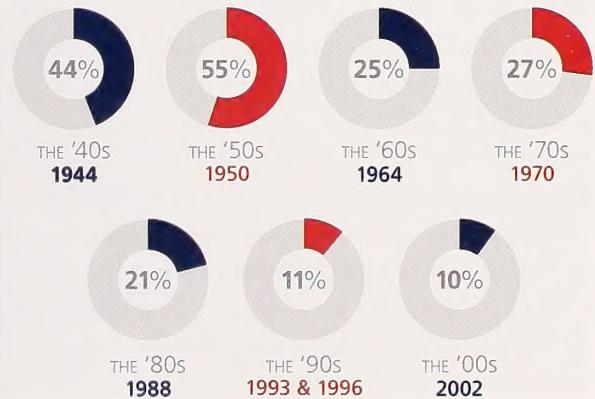
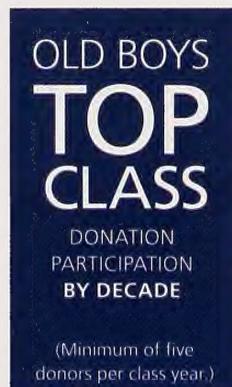
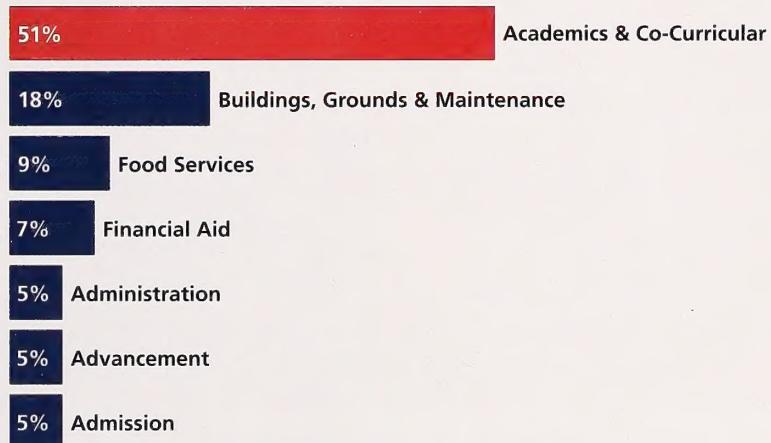
SAC REVENUES

ACTUAL 2013–2014



SAC EXPENSES

ACTUAL 2013–2014



SAC Champion and Philanthropic Leader

Ross Reucassel '56

There are legions who believe in the value of a St. Andrew's education but few as steadfast in their support as Ross Reucassel '56.

For close to half a century, beginning when he was a young man starting his career, Ross's generosity has lent

SAC a helping hand in myriad ways: from giving of his time on SAC's Board of Governors to financial support of annual funds, scholarships, bursaries, and capital campaigns, to funding life insurance policies that provide for the International Group Scholarship, named after the family business.

"I don't think I'd be the person I am today if it weren't for St. Andrew's College," says Ross, reflecting on his motivation for giving back to the School, which, he says, played a huge part in his growth and development.

"SAC prepared me to step out in the world both personally and business-wise," he says, noting it didn't take long to realize the significant gift he had been given. "Giving back was just automatic." His benevolence has made it possible for many boys to attend St. Andrew's who otherwise would have missed out, and his life insurance policy will support countless more boys in the future.

One recipient, Toronto mergers and acquisitions lawyer Ian Michael '92, attended SAC for seven years thanks to Ross Reucassel's "significant annual support." Ian says he's worked hard to live up to his benefactor's unspoken aspirations. He has given a gift to the School each year since graduation, is a SAC Foundation Trustee, attends Old Boy events and reunions, and in February was a speaker at Grade 11 Career Day.

"Receiving a scholarship meant the difference between putting in that last bit of effort to answer the call to give back or not. I knew I was fortunate then and despite all the things that evolve with hindsight, I am still fortunate and thankful now," says Ian.

Today, in his seventies, Ross sits at the helm of a successful business but still makes time to attend SAC sporting events, dinners, and Prize Day, where he enjoys meeting his scholarship recipients. His preference is to keep a low profile though he recalls one "very emotional scene" when a parent ran into his arms to thank him for making such a difference to her son's life.

Carol Service is an event he tries never to miss, preferring to stand near the front to best see the boys' faces and watch the musicians perform. A few years ago, he noticed three younger Old Boys standing close by, all of whom sang loudly and proudly to every song. When the service ended, he introduced

"We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give."

— Winston Churchill

himself and told them he liked their enthusiasm. They told him it's hard to fully appreciate St. Andrew's until after you've left.

"I'm willing to bet two out of three Old Boys would say the same thing," states Ross.

Though he is now an enthusiastic advocate for the School, his initial impression in grade 9 wasn't so positive. As an only child to doting parents, he admits to being overwhelmed by the School and made nervous by the Prefects, who had the authority to penalize new boys during their entire first year for rule infractions. Boys were called to task for anything from having a messy dorm room to being late to class or wearing dirty shoes.

"We were made to do any number of screwy things," says Ross, who laughs at the memory of having once, on his hands and knees, pushed an egg around the Quad.

In September 1951, after one week of school, he called his father to say he'd had enough and pleaded to come home. He



Patrick Root '11, a recipient of the International Group Scholarship, has met Ross Reucassel every summer for dinner since graduating from SAC. He calls his benefactor "one of a kind." Pat is entering his fourth year at Drexel University where he plays Division 1 lacrosse and studies sociology.

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was told he was staying. "Another week went by, and I wouldn't have left the School for a minute," Ross remarks.

Over time, Ross grew to understand the Prefects' role in shaping character and saw them as "good guys and role models." They left such an impression that to this day, he still remembers all their names.

His Flavelle Housemaster was Stan Macfarlane and the door to his home was right beside Ross's dorm room on the second floor. "When he walked out his door and hollered down the hallway—boy we froze," remembers Ross. "We were scared skinny of him, but Stan became one of our favourite masters."

Spending so much time together forged close friendships, and the classes of 1956–57 were especially tight-knit, with sports being the thread that pulled them together. In grade 10, Ross, Gordy Robertson '55 and Bill Yuill '57 made an early and unusual jump to the First Hockey team.

In his graduating year, Ross was co-captain of Varsity Hockey and further flexed his leadership muscles as a Prefect and captain of the Cadet Corps. Life dealt him a tough blow that year when his father passed away unexpectedly. Headmaster Kenneth Ketchum made arrangements for the family car to be kept at a nearby service station (student cars were not allowed on campus) so he could go home on weekends to be with his mother.

"I didn't realize how important that was to my mother until years later," Ross says. "The generosity and support the School showed to me during that time will never be forgotten."

After leaving St. Andrew's, he played junior hockey, but his dream to possibly play professionally was dashed by surgery required for earlier knee injuries sustained

while playing at SAC and at college. Ross attended Waterloo Lutheran/Western (which became Wilfrid Laurier University) before joining the family business.

There is a thick file of correspondence at St. Andrew's documenting Ross's largesse, along with heartfelt thank-you letters from all the boys he's helped over the years. A 1966 letter from then Headmaster Robert Coulter references a conversation at an Old Boys' Council meeting when Ross said he'd like to do something for the School. In the letter, Headmaster Coulter provided him a laundry list of possibilities from building new buildings to funding a scholarship, to taking on a governance role. Over the years, Ross has helped in every regard, starting out with a gift to the School's annual fund.

In fact, before he retired in 1986, former Director of Advancement Jim Hamilton wrote a letter to Ross admitting that he'd run out of ways to say thank you for so many years of successive giving.

"I've got quite a bit of satisfaction from helping," admits Ross. His hope is that Old Boys, regardless of whether they attended SAC for one year or eight, will remember their experience and help to make the School even better.

"I know when you're young it's hard to step up financially," he says, but he encourages Old Boys to start by doing simple things such as staying in touch, showing up for events, and attending reunions.

Ross's decades of commitment and generosity to SAC are rooted deep, nurtured as a Prefect and a role model, and refined as a leader of business. Over a lifetime, it has added up to a lot of young lives changed. ☒ CINDY VEITCH

The hard-working SAC Parents Guild presented the School with a cheque for \$179,000 in May. These funds, mainly proceeds from the 2014 Red & White Gala, were dedicated to the *Not An Ordinary Place* Campaign and to the creation of a full day-boy scholarship. The Parents Guild has completed its first pledge for \$400,000 toward the campaign, and have recommitted to a new pledge to bring this total to \$1 million over the next five years. ☒

Parents Guild Executive 2013–2014 members (l-r)
Cristine Pratas, Angela Wood-Macgregor, and
Michele Fischer present a cheque to Kevin McHenry,
Michael Sifton '79, Board Chairman, and Scott Hayter,
Executive Director of Advancement.



New Board Appointment

Trevor Biasi was appointed to the St. Andrew's College Board of Governors at the Board and Trustees' AGM in September. He is one of three faculty representatives on the Board, joining Melissa Tackaberry and David Stewart.

Trevor has been a member of faculty since September 2004 when he joined the History and Social Science Department in the Upper School, and was a grade 9 Team Leader. In



September 2013, he took over the responsibilities of Assistant Director of Middle School, in addition to his teaching and coaching responsibilities.

Trevor is currently working toward the completion of his M.Ed. and is enrolled in the CAIS Leadership Institute program. ☘

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CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As of November 3, 2014

La Brier Family Arena
Raised: \$7.5m
To Go: \$1m
89% complete

Yuill Family Athletic Complex
Raised: \$5.7m
To Go: \$0.7m
88% complete

Music / Drama / Engineering & Robotics / Business & Leadership
Raised: \$17.4m
To Go: \$2.1m
90% complete

Dining Hall
Raised: \$1.2m
To Go: \$1.3m
47% complete

Total Raised
\$31.8m
To Go: \$5.1m
86% complete

NOT AN ORDINARY PLACE CAMPAIGN

The Great Hall is even Greater

\$2.5M renovation expands and modernizes school's dining facilities

Anyone who has been through a kitchen renovation will tell you that the essential ingredients are a good plan and a huge serving of patience. This was certainly the case for the Food Services staff during the 18-month renovation to the Great Hall, which at times saw them cooking under tents, prepping meals in the bagpipe and drumming building, using trolleys to move food between buildings, and washing dishes in a portable trailer.

“Oh, we had our challenges,” admits Grace Wyvill, Director of Food Services, who together with her staff of 31 remained focused on the results, upbeat, and rolled with the continual changes.

For years, Grace and her staff have performed daily miracles to produce nutritionally balanced, multiple-entrée meals for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

They prepared and served 1,400 meals a day in a 50-year-old kitchen designed for only half that number. “That was a lot of meals for the size of the facility we were working in,” she says.

Grace strongly supported the Great Hall renovations being added to the Campus Master Plan II. She liaised with SAC’s Property Committee and architects to ensure the new space

would meet the School’s dining needs for many years to come.

Since it was important to minimize disruption to diners, the project was scheduled to work around school shutdowns as much as possible. The project commenced during March Break 2013, and a hard deadline for completion was set—and met—for the first day of school in September 2014.

Construction began with sealing off the main door and foyer that will eventually adjoin the new academic facility. A temporary doorway was cut out of an existing window, and a concrete pathway and wooden access ramp installed across the lawn of the Great Hall.

The Upper School music classrooms were relocated from the basement to the Chapel where they remain until their new classrooms open this spring.

Much of the initial work on the two-storey project occurred on

the basement level where new space was added for food preparation, dish-washing, storage, fridges, and office and conference rooms. As well, a new elevator was installed and a bay and loading dock constructed to receive deliveries properly. Upstairs, in the dining hall, wall partitions were put up to create room for displaced kitchen implements.



Grace Wyvill (centre) and Executive Chef Davide Pontone threw a project kick-off dinner for the students in March 2013 where campaign donors such as Alf Wirth '59 (left) and Andrew Dalton '78 served up the meals.



Elbow Room: Long lineups at mealtimes have been alleviated with a two-line servery area.

Over the next 12 months, the kitchen staff persevered in extra-crowded and noisy conditions; however, they never missed serving a meal.

During March Break 2014, the dish room was closed and a portable dish-wash trailer was installed outside the side doors. A few days of paper plates followed, but the new process was soon up and running. The clean dishes needed new storage space, so the wall partitions in the dining hall were moved a little further back, making for much tighter quarters for diners.

In May, with only three months to deadline, a tent was set up in front of the Great Hall for barbecues and another beside the Annex for propane ovens. The Annex, used for piping and drumming instruction, relinquished space for the installation of sinks and work stations for food preparation. Everything possible was cleared from the kitchen area and moved over to this temporary facility, including office space for Grace and Assistant Director, Nancy McMurray.

During the long weekend in May and “right on schedule,” the kitchen was closed and handed over to the contractor, Dalton. For the next three months, food prepared in or beside the Annex, was rolled hundreds of feet to the dining hall

on trolleys containing hot boxes with steam table pans and thermoses for hot and cold food.

“It was nice when the weather was good, but not so good during stormy weather. We increased the number of umbrellas in our service. Still, nobody complained,” says Grace.

When school ended in June, a modified menu of sandwiches, salads, and barbecue fare was offered to staff, summer school students, and children attending the SAC Summer Camp. On August 18, the kitchen was handed back, giving Food Services just two weeks to move back into the space, clean and test the equipment, and change the process for ordering and preparing food in the new digs.

“We had a couple of equipment issues that held up the occupancy permit, and once it was finally issued we had a couple of very long days to get up and running,” says Grace. Students were blissfully unaware, and on the first day of school were greeted with a newly reconfigured servery area that now had two food lines, a built-in pizza oven on the wall, and room for 60 additional seats in the dining area.

“The Great Hall is finally as it should be,” says Grace, happy at last to have an expanded facility that will improve both the quality and delivery of Andrean meals for years to come. 



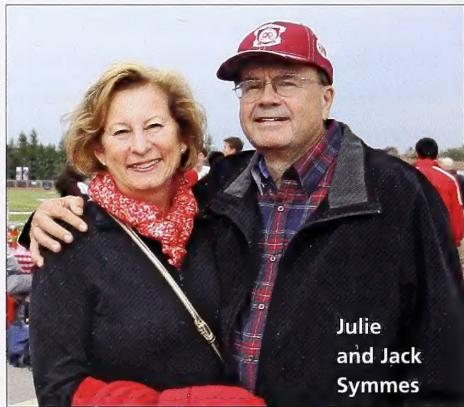
The kitchen and food preparation area is now on two floors. Watch a video of the renovation at www.sac.on.ca/greathallreno



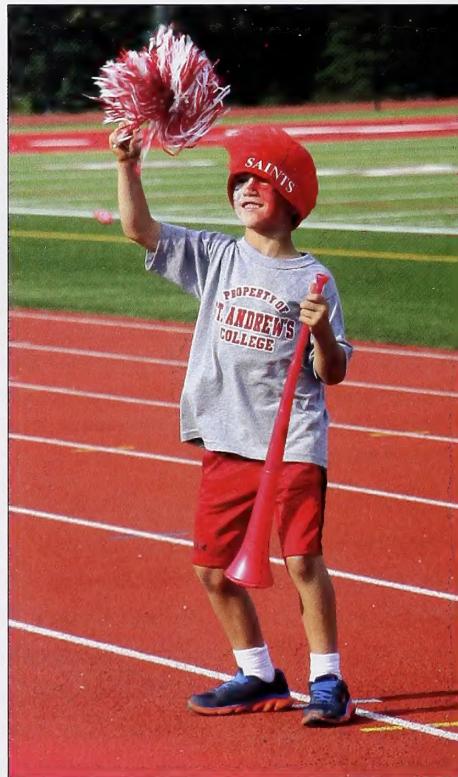
(l-r) Colin Parent '99, Heather and Jamie Talbot '99, and Dano Wells '99 and Nicole O'Brien

Peter Stewart '74 (l) and Steve Davis '74

HOMECOMING



Julie
and Jack
Symmes



(l-r) Kade Hennessy, Nathaniel Bannister, Anthony Simpson



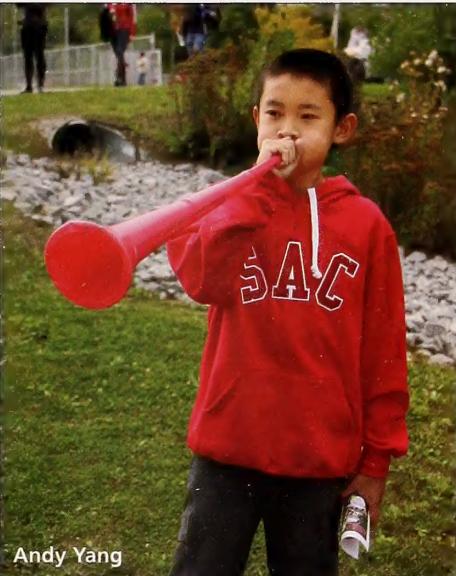
(l-r) Jonathan Morgan '89, Bruce Somerville, Gary West



(l-r) Craig Davis '10, Andrey Ivanchenko '10, and Tom Brindley '10

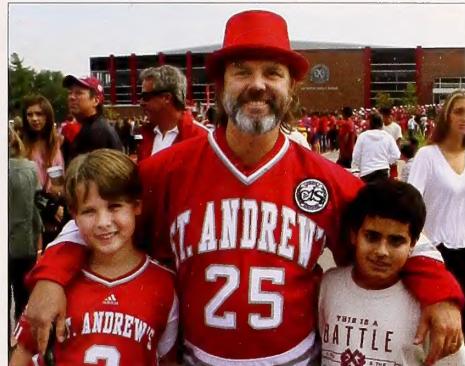


Jorge Cobain Bustillo (l) and Mauricio Hajj Slim



Andy Yang

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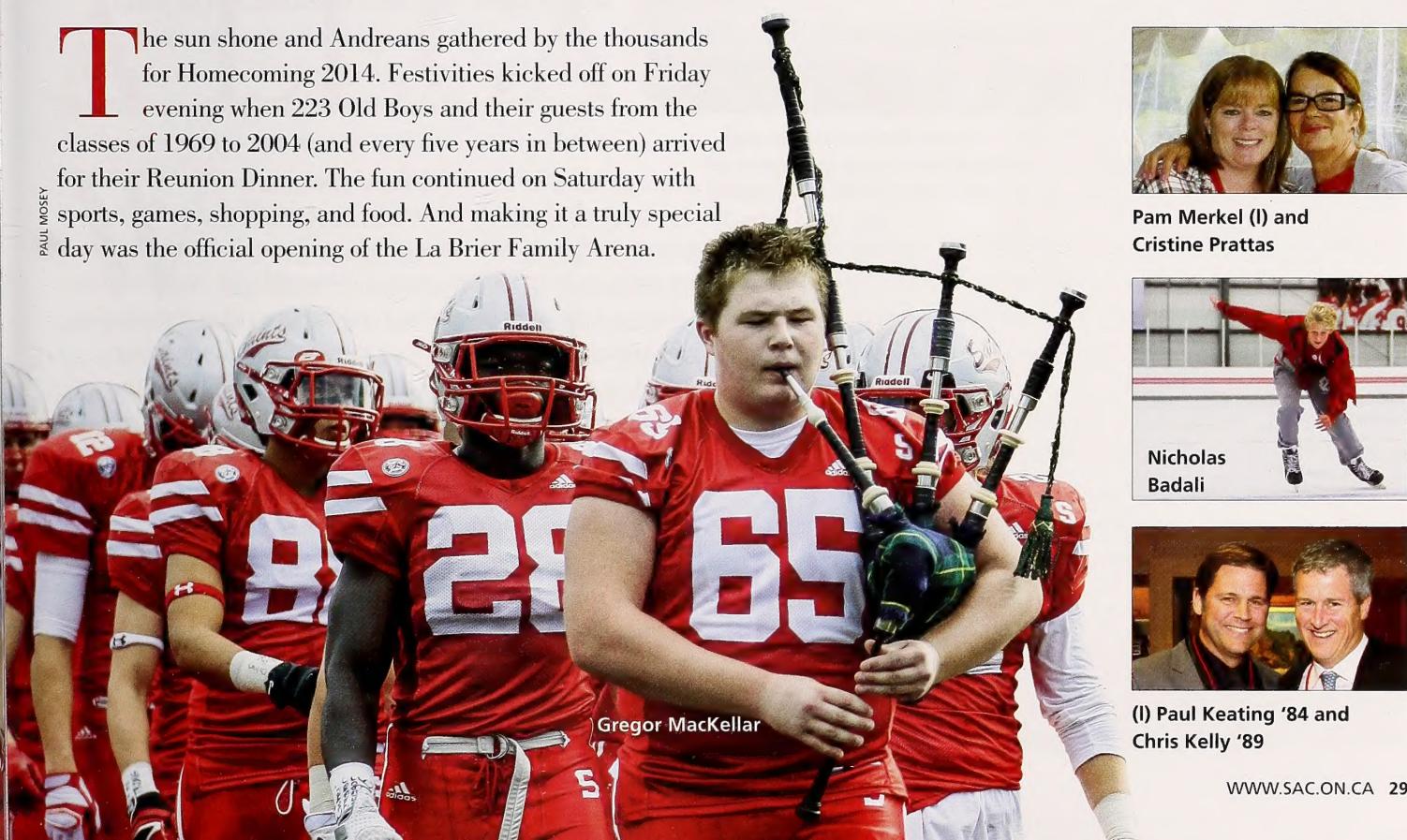
(l-r) Henry and Michael Paluch, and Udayveer Sangha



Geza '74 and Daniel '04 von Diergardt

WEEKEND 2014

The sun shone and Andreans gathered by the thousands for Homecoming 2014. Festivities kicked off on Friday evening when 223 Old Boys and their guests from the classes of 1969 to 2004 (and every five years in between) arrived for their Reunion Dinner. The fun continued on Saturday with sports, games, shopping, and food. And making it a truly special day was the official opening of the La Brier Family Arena.



Gregor MacKellar



Pam Merkel (l) and Cristine Prattas



Nicholas Badali



(l) Paul Keating '84 and Chris Kelly '89

Teachers Turned Gurus

Program develops homegrown experts

A new initiative empowering faculty to become subject-area experts has proven to be a win for both teachers and the School.

Traditionally, professional development for faculty involved bringing in specialized speakers to talk about emerging issues in the areas of assessment and evaluation, coaching, and instructional practice.

The drawback to this approach was that topics were often presented in general terms and once the speaker left,



David Joiner has become an in-house expert on global education through the Expert in Us program. Amanda Thorne heads the second generation of the program and has chosen to explore the latest research on brain theory.

so did the knowledge. In 2009, a committee was struck to explore innovative teaching and learning at SAC. From this evolved SCETL—the Standing Committee for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, chaired by Melissa Tackaberry, Upper School math teacher.

One of the outcomes from SCETL, aside from helping to shape the academic vision of the School, was the development of the Expert in Us program, says Michael Paluch, Assistant Headmaster, Academics.

The EinU program, launched in 2012, sees teachers study and research a topic then share their findings with colleagues at PD meetings. Faculty become homegrown experts with their expertise remaining in-house and accessible in the long term. Faculty had the opportunity to hear from each of the experts through the 2013-14 academic

year and to choose one area to consider carefully as part of their own Professional Growth Portfolio plan.

Now entering its third year, EinU has so far developed expertise in areas such as differentiated instruction; best practices in assessment and evaluation; motivation, collaboration, critical thinking; and the teaching of English as a second language.

David Joiner, Head of Geography, and Middle School teacher Melissa Ramon, were among the first crop of “experts” who teamed up to explore a shared interest in global education.

“We have really appreciated the time afforded us to delve into a topic and the opportunity to share research that will help colleagues in classroom teaching,” says Dr. Joiner.

As part of their research, they attended a conference in Atlanta and returned with the latest ideas for connecting students to the world gleaned from seminars, workshops, and new product displays.

While there, Dr. Joiner shared his expertise on Google Earth with other teachers, and he looks forward to highlighting global awareness and networking at future teacher conferences as a SAC expert. Not only does this fulfill a program mandate to become an in-house expert, but it also extends our program beyond our gates.

In January, he will be spearheading the School’s participation in an international Global Nomads Group initiative that seeks to link students around the world with opportunities to discuss current events through interactive videoconferencing, webcasting, social networking, gaming, and filmmaking.

And as a direct result of discussion and guidance from Dr. Joiner about the NAIS Challenge 20/20 program, students in Joe Commissio’s grade 12 Canadian and World Issues classes now discuss issues of peacekeeping, terrorism, and conflict resolution with a partner school in the U.S.

The EinU program supports ideas proposed by author Dan Pink who suggests that allowing individuals to develop a sense of autonomy and mastery of a given area leads to an even greater sense of purpose on the part of the expert.

“And this is just the way we had hoped to see this unfold,” says Mr. Paluch.  CINDY VEITCH



The Near family

One family's approach to CREATING A LEGACY

We wanted to contribute to the School in a meaningful way, but with tuition, a mortgage, and general expense pressures, we knew it would create a financial strain. Fortunately, as a gift planning consultant, I was aware of creative ways of using life insurance to make meaningful gifts affordable. This fit well with the progressive policy at SAC whereby assistance may be offered via the sharing of premiums.

The result was the establishment of life insurance policies on both my sons where we could pay premiums over a 10-year period and create a guaranteed

lifetime legacy to SAC. The premiums that we paid were eligible for a gift receipt and so after the tax refund our donation became very manageable.

The results have been gratifying, so much so that we have also established a life insurance policy for my wife, Nancy, who is a member of SAC's Board of Governors. Knowing that our contributions go toward helping future Andreans is very meaningful to us.

As a family, we are thankful to be associated with the St Andrew's community. Our gifts of life insurance serve as recognition of our appreciation for the opportunities given our boys and the many friendships formed.  JOHN NEAR

CREATE YOUR LEGACY

Join us for an Online Planned Giving Seminar on Tuesday, February 24, 10 a.m. EST. Led by gift planning experts, John Near and Jessica Miller. This 30-minute session will address:

- The basics of gift planning and the rewards of giving
- Strategic financial tools to consider (annuities, life insurance, securities, etc.)
- Making giving affordable (premium splitting, tax savings, etc.)
- When to start planning your legacy

Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions and receive copies of the conference presentation and handouts.

Register for this free Online Planned Giving Seminar

Email Julie Wilson, SAC's Stewardship & Planned Giving Officer, at julie.wilson@sac.on.ca.

ABOUT CONFERENCE LEADERS

JOHN NEAR holds an MBA from the University of Toronto with a speciality in marketing and finance. He established John Near Annuity & Insurance Agency Limited in 1976, a company focused on personal and corporate financial planning with a particular interest in helping charities in the area of planned giving. John is a founding member of the Canadian Association of Gift Planners who concentrates primarily on helping charitable organizations like SAC with their charitable life insurance and annuity gifting programs.

JESSICA MILLER holds a BMath from the University of Waterloo and is a certified financial planner. She is carrying on her father John Near's business legacy as one of two managing partners and co-president. Her business speciality is personal and small business financial planning. As a graduate of Trafalgar Castle, and being acquainted with St. Andrew's through her brothers Daniel '99 and Jamie Near '00, Jessica is both knowledgeable of independent schools and experienced in strategies that help aid in their support.



**1899 ANDREAN
Legacy Society**

My Proudest Moment

"What happened next affected me in a way few things have"

Earlier this year, something happened that changed the way I view my role as a teacher. It happened the day of the Cadet Annual Inspection—Sat., May 3, 2014.

But first, let me backtrack: eight months previously, my incoming Pipe Major, Zachary Petrachek '14, told me he would like to invite as many previous pipe majors as possible to perform at the Annual Inspection. I liked the idea. I put the onus on Zach to contact all the former PMs.

Before long, five of our previous pipe majors had agreed—Graham Hynds '07, Mitchell Arnold '09, Arun Partridge '11, Alex Brown '12, and Alexander Seto '13—with Zach bringing the number to six.

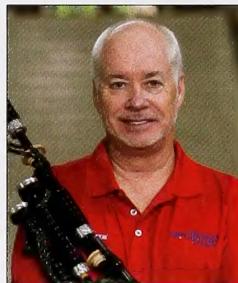
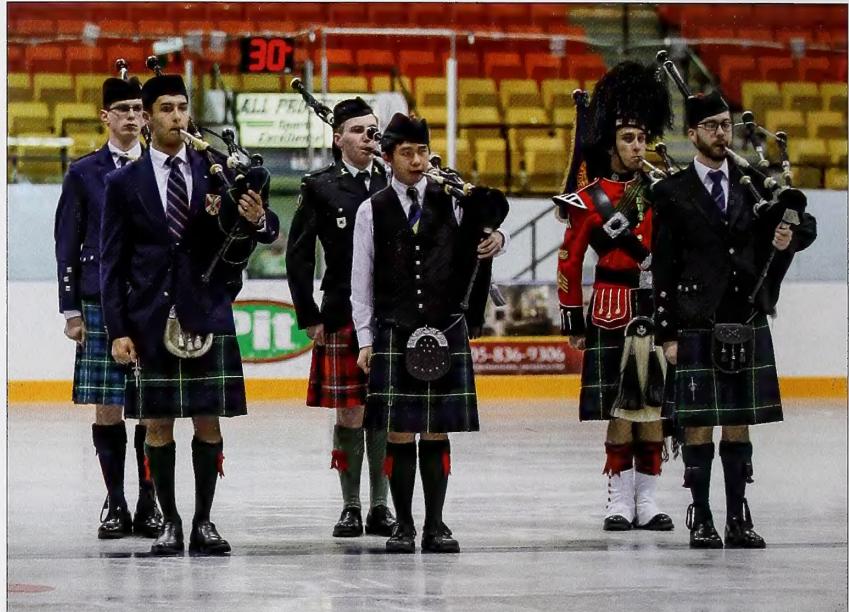
In March, we decided the six pipe majors would form a small band to march the reviewing party out to the stands to watch the Pipes & Drums' demonstration performance, then afterwards pipe them back to the Headmaster's office to await their time to inspect the corps. I would tune the pipes, but the six boys could work out the other details.

May 3 was a rainy day, so the Inspection moved to the Ray Twinney arena in Newmarket. We dressed, tuned up all the pipes, and left the dressing room. The sextet of pipe majors went their way, and we went ours. I stood in front of the band to await our cue. The introduction of dignitaries came, and I heard the PMs strike-up at the other end of the arena.

What happened next affected me in a way few things have in my 17 years at SAC. I watched these six young men, ages 17 to 26, come into view under the lights, each resplendent in his own Highland garb, with pipes shining. They marched in perfect formation, knew exactly where to go, then moved off, and halted perfectly. I was impressed.

The Pipes & Drums then struck-up and gave what might have been the best public marching demonstration in the history of the Cadet Corps, thanks largely to the marvelous choreography devised by Jamie Inglis '91.

But as the band left the floor, my eyes immediately were drawn back to these young men from my past who now marched out to pick up the reviewing party. Again—a



Former SAC piper majors (front, l-r) Arun Partridge, Alexander Seto, Graham Hynds, (back) Mitchell Arnold, Alex Brown, Zachary Petrachek (left) Jim McGillivray

flawless mini-performance conducted with precision, professionalism, and class. Beautifully done.

Much to my surprise, my eyes filled to brimming as they departed, and I knew exactly why I was so affected: the planning, the organization, the commitment to excellence, the attention to detail, the showmanship, the respect for the audience—all the things that went into the best Pipes & Drums performances, all the things my team worked so hard to instill into these young men during the five, six, or seven years we came to know them so well—six boys gave these things back exactly as they had been taught, and they did so with no prompting from us. My goodness, I thought, they really had gotten it!

For those few moments, alone in a corner of a hockey arena full of people, peering off into the distance, with a pipe band celebrating their success behind me, I experienced one of my proudest and most moving moments as a teacher.

Sometimes it's not about the touchdowns, the championships, or even the Headmaster's Honour Roll. Sometimes it's about what our boys take away inside of themselves. ✖

JIM MCGILLIVRAY

Community News

Kim Braithwaite

joined the Advancement & Alumni Office as Adminstration Assistant in September. Kim previously worked in Accounts Payable in the Business Office and has been with SAC for eight years.

Elly Choi



Elly Choi joined SAC in January as Library & Archives Technician. She holds a BA from McMaster University and a Master of Library and Information Science from Western University.

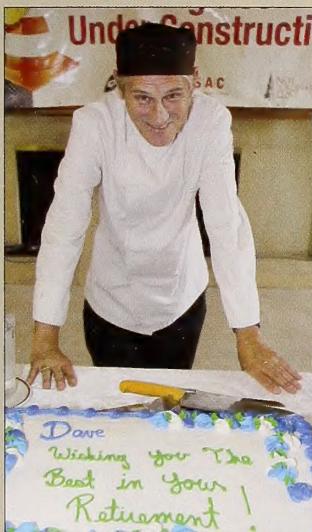
Adam Kowaltschuk

married Jessica Snelling before a justice of the peace at the Newmarket Town Hall on June 20. In



Dave Kerr

retired as First Cook at St. Andrew's at the end of August after 19 years of service in the Dining Hall. For close to two decades, Dave helped fill the stomachs of thousands of boys and was always eager to discuss



his beloved Maple Leafs Hockey team. At his farewell party, Food Service Manager, Grace Wyvill, compared him to the Maytag repair man: "he is always there making things work." In his retirement, Dave plans to spend more time with his son, daughter, and two granddaughters.

attendance were Jessica's father, Ray, Adam's mother, Mary, and his son Nathan, 8, who served as the ring bearer. Adam teaches grade 7 in the Middle School.

Kim Parry

has been promoted to Supervisor of Janitorial Services. Reporting to the Director of Property and Facilities, Kim's responsibilities will

The Quilt that Anne Built

This beautiful quilt crafted from SAC T-shirts was made by Anne Cronin, grandmother of the Stock brothers—Graydon '02, Jarryd '03, and Darryl '04. It is on display outside the Campus Shop, which is managed by her daughter, Joanne Stock. Anne has recently started to make pillows from SAC tees to sell in the Campus Shop and they are so popular she's finding it hard to keep up with demand!

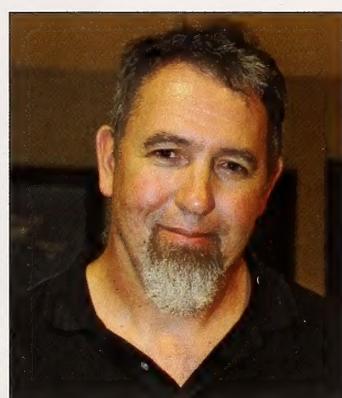


Stephen Kimmerer

has taken on the role of Department Head of Visual Arts. Stephen has been a member of the Art Department for 30 years, having taught visual arts and, most recently, leading the graphic arts and the yearbook. He assumed the grade 12 visual arts class this fall, and he will continue to take on special projects such as the interior design of the arena and unique publications.



Stephen at the Old Boy Association Golf Tournament with sons Erik '13 and Scott '11.



include the day-to-day operations of the Janitorial and Housekeeping Departments, including our Sewing Centre, and the supervision of all staff in these areas. Kim has been with SAC since April 1997 in the role of Janitorial Night Foreman, and his dedication and leadership abilities demonstrate that this promotion is well deserved. ☺

Sports Update

It was a tough spring term for some of our sports teams, but many came out on top winning both CISAA medals and OFSAA titles. Congratulations to all our players for their best efforts and capturing eight gold, five silver, and four bronze medals. Badminton, Lacrosse, Track & Field, Golf, and Tennis all made trips to OFSAA. Varsity Badminton and Varsity Tennis both won gold.

BADMINTON

*Varsity:	U16:
4 Gold	1 Gold
1 Silver	3 Silver
2 Bronze	

*Undefeated in regular season

CRICKET

Varsity:
Gold

TRIATHLON
2 Gold
3 Silver
2 Bronze

RUGBY

Varsity:
Third-place finish in CAIS National Rugby Tournament

SOFTBALL

Varsity:	U14:
Won Annual SAC Tournament	Silver
U12: and Trinity College School Tournament	Bronze

TENNIS

Varsity:	OFSAA Gold in High School Doubles
4 Silver	

TRACK

Senior:	Midget:
1 Silver	2 Silver
Junior:	1 Bronze
1 Bronze	



Former teacher Courtney Stoate (centre) was joined by many of his former rugby players at the celebration to commemorate 50 years of the sport at SAC.

SAC Rugby Celebrates Milestone

Fifty years ago, the sport of rugby was introduced at St. Andrew's by former French teacher, Courtney Stoate.

This exciting and demanding sport has since become part of the SAC culture, having been played by legions of Andreans at various levels. Starting at the U13 level in Middle School, students continue to carry on this proud sporting tradition.

The 1st Rugby team has earned a championship in 22 of its past 50 seasons, including an OFSSA championship in 1997 under Coach Stuart Swan, and three Ontario 7's Championships under Mr. Stoate. Several players have gone on to play or coach at the national level, while many more have played university and club rugby after SAC.

This past May, Mr. Stoate, 89, returned to campus to perform the ceremonial coin toss prior to the 1st Rugby Saints' game against Upper Canada College.

"Courtney had a great vision when he introduced this game to the School—its ethos has become part of our school's culture," said Varsity Coach Jon Butcher. Each year, the Courtney Stoate trophy is awarded to the most valuable player on the 1st team.  CINDY VEITCH

"Courtney had a great vision when he introduced this game to the School."

Luca Zadra '17



PAUL MOSEY



2013-14 Varsity Tennis team (front, l-r):
 Yang Yang '14, Jason Graham '14, George Ciuciureanu '14, Chris Merchant '14, Ken Zheng '14; (middle) Aidan Calverley '15, Krisztian Fockter '15, Victor Li '16, Julio Yep Yeh '16, Coach Paul Bedard; (back) Darren Luo '15, James Stevenson '16, and Kevin Chong '15. Victor and James won gold in OFSAA high-school doubles.



Triathlon team (l-r) Nicholas Chow '16, Vasily Levkovskiy '17, Ryan Cheung '16



Varsity Badminton players: (front, l-r) Edric Wong '14, Henry Hsieh '14, Andre Chan '15 (C), David Huang '17, Coach Marke Jones; (back) JaeWoo Kang '14, Jason Zhang '15, Field Tian '15

Cricket's astounding feat

In their final league match and with the championship on the line (to be shared ultimately with Trinity College School), the Varsity Cricket team swept their home-and-away series against gentlemanly arch rivals Upper Canada College, with a remarkable come-from-behind victory.

It wasn't just a victory, it was an astounding feat of athleticism demonstrated by our Saints. With a season's previous high score of only 58 runs, the boys had dug themselves into a seemingly impossible hole, allowing UCC to tally a massive 109 runs!

Reaching this level would be a most special accomplishment but one in which **Bobby Cave '14** and **Dhruv Krishnan '15** decided they would take on their shoulders to ensure the cup came home for another year.



In the space of just 21 overs, these two new superstars withheld the spinning, bouncing, and pace swinging tactics of all six UCC bowlers. Without a single Saints' wicket falling, our two go-getters knocked in 110 incredible runs, pulling off what all believed to be impossible.

SAC had no outs in the 110-109 final, while UCC had eight outs with all 30 overs used. It was a terrific season capped off by this ultimate nail-bitter. Varsity Cricket have been outright or co-winners for five of the last seven seasons.  DAVID KYLE

Roots Run Deep

Newfoundland and Labrador Connections Renewed

A gathering of Andreans was held in St. John's Newfoundland this past July to welcome Headmaster Kevin McHenry, his wife, Karan, and their children Will, Caden, and Hadley.

SAC's eighth Headmaster was visiting the city on what can only be described as a whirlwind working holiday. Earlier he had met with prospective students and their families in Halifax, and then the family travelled the famous Cabot Trail before embarking on the Marine Atlantic overnight ferry from North Sydney, N.S., to Argentia, N.L.

The reception was hosted by faculty member David Manning at his brother's pub on renowned George Street in downtown St. John's. Old Boys, as well as current, past, and prospective parents, made up a happy group of 50 attendees.

The senior Old Boy in attendance was Bill Neal '34 who has since celebrated his 99th birthday. Bill's great grandson, Jack Irwin '16, currently attends SAC. The youngest Old Boy there, at 22, was Shayne Morrissey '11.

Headmaster McHenry presented David Wharton '64, visiting from Mexico, with his 50-year tie, and in turn was presented with a set of leather-bound, school-crested works of Shakespeare by Ian Wishart '48, which his

father David had won as an academic prize at SAC in 1906.

Kevin proudly noted that six young men from Nova Scotia joined SAC in the fall, along with three new boys from the St. John's area, two of whom will be receiving the Herder Scholarship. The Herder Scholarship, for students

from Newfoundland, was established in 1993 by Jim Herder '64 and his wife, Gail. Scott Bonnell '94 was the first recipient, and his parents attended the summer reception.

St. Andrew's has a long connection with students from Newfoundland and Labrador, including the earliest days when the School was located in Toronto and the boys required a full week to travel to Ontario.

In particular, the Crosbie and Munn families were well represented at the gathering by multi-generational Old Boys. John Crosbie '49, his wife, Jane, and their son, Ches '72, and John and Jane's nephew, Matt Shinkle '76, were at the event. John's father, Ches, was in the Class of '24 and his uncles George '23 and Percy '31 were also Old Boys.

Also in attendance were Tom Munn '50, his wife, Sandra, and son, Doug '75. Tom's father, Henley '23 was an Old Boy. Tom's uncles Errol '13 and Lionel '14 Munn were SAC students 100 years ago. ☑



Old Boys representing eight different decades joined the Headmaster in St. John's. (front l-r) Kevin McHenry, John Crosbie '49, Doug Munn '75, Tom Munn '50, Bill Neal '34, John Shik '93, Jim Herder '64 (back l-r) Justin Quinton '06, Ches Crosbie '72, Matt Crane '04, Mark Harvey '94, Scott Campbell '60, Dave Wharton '64, Ian Wishart '48. Missing from photo: Matt Shinkle '76 and Shayne Morrissey '11.



Macdonald Medal winners Justin Quinton '06 (left) and John Shik '93 met at the reunion this summer. Justin is in the PhD economics program at Queen's University, and John, who studied medicine at Memorial University, is now a nephrologist in St. John's.

Old Boys News

1946

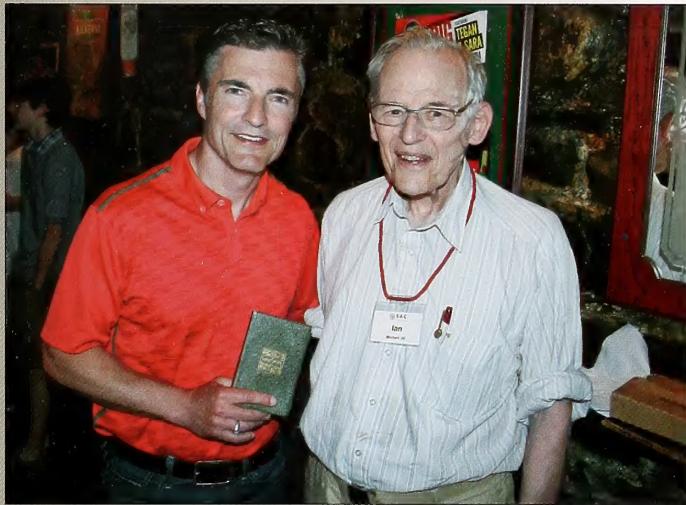
CHALEN IRVINE

remembers his time at St. Andrew's fondly. Although he was in the Upper School he boarded in the Lower School under "the watchful eye" of Mr. Wright in Macdonald House. He transferred to Flavelle House the following year. Challen describes the great honour, as an American, to be a Prefect and leader in the Cadet Corps. He says the training he received in the Cadet Corps did him well when he returned to the U.S. to attend the U.S. Naval Prep School. Challen lives in Arizona and hopes to visit the School soon.



Alf accepted his award from the Minister of Education, Youth and Sports, Czech Republic.

his significant achievements in academic cooperation between Canada and the Czech Republic.



1948

IAN WISHART

gave Headmaster Kevin McHenry a collection of Shakespearean plays at the SAC reception in St. John's, N.L. Ian's father, David E. Wishart, Class of 1906, was originally presented with the leather-bound volumes, with the School crest embossed on the covers, in his graduating year.

1953

DAVID PARKER

published his second novel this summer entitled *Beyond The Pyramids*, a historical mystery set in the Middle East during the time of his employment there in 1976-79. It follows his first novel published last year entitled *Florida Land Grab*, a historical mystery about 100 years of land development in that state. He lives in Florida with his wife of 53 years, Marilynn.



Properties and counsel to all of the Armadale group of companies. Throughout his career, he has also served and continues to serve as a director and chairman of numerous public and private corporations

1959

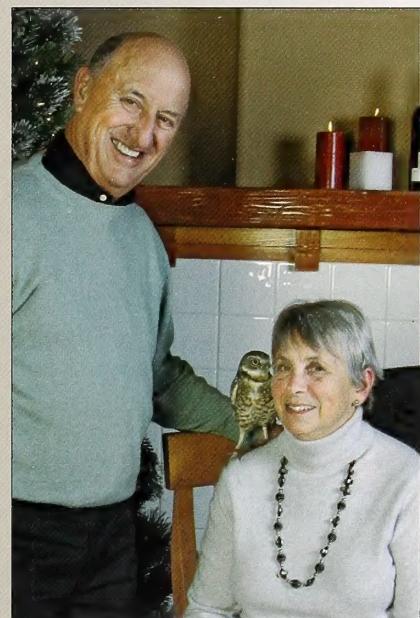
ALF WIRTH

was in Prague in June to accept a medal from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, in recognition of his outstanding support of Czech students and

1960

BOB METCALFE

has been counsel at Metcalfe, Blainey & Burns LLP since 2001, and for the 20 years prior was a senior partner with the law firm Lang Michener LLP. He is the former president and CEO of Armadale



1957

JIM WYSE

and his wife, Midge, have raised over \$650,000 during the past ten years for the Burrowing Owl Conservation Society (BOCS) of British Columbia and a related injured raptor rehabilitation society (SORCO). BOCS is dedicated to the repopulation of the endangered burrowing owl in B.C., after which Jim's Burrowing Owl Estate Winery is named. The funds have been raised by patron tasting-room donations, which amount to over 30,000 tastings each year at \$3 a pop! Jim's winery was featured recently on CBC B.C.'s weekly program *Secrets of Success*, which features the province's most unique and successful companies. The segment outlined the Wyses' business acumen and the journey that has put their premium wines on the map.

Old Boys News

1962

MICHAEL HOLDEN

was awarded the Order of Australia "for services to family law as a judge of the Family Court of Australia and to the legal profession in Western Australia." This is the principal and most prestigious means of recognizing outstanding members of the community



at a national level. Michael practiced predominately in the area of family law from 1972 until 1991, when he was appointed a judge of the Family Court of Western Australia and a justice of the Family Court. In 1996, he was appointed chief judge of the Family Court of Western Australia, and a year later, appointed to the permanent appeal division of the Family Court.



1969

CHRISTOPHER DIXON

attended McMaster University after he left SAC and graduated with a BA in history and political science. He has been the controller at Wallwin Electric Services Limited for many years, and his wife, Anne Marie, is a commercial banker with Scotiabank. They live on the shore of Kempenfelt Bay in Barrie, Ont. Chris and Anne Marie have four children: David and his wife, Angela, are with the Ministry of Natural Resources in Aurora; Scott is a journalist with Media Planet in Toronto; Meghan is in health services resources with Spectra Energy in Calgary; and Rachel works in human resources at the Banff Centre in Alberta. Chris is still an avid motorcyclist and has travelled widely on his own. He and Anne Marie have motorcycled in the Italian Alps, the Italian Amalfi Coast, and Hawaii. Chris has also run 10 marathons, many halves and a lot of 5s and 10s. He is most proud of his "little accomplishment" of running the Boston Marathon four times—recording his best time of 3:42 at the age of 59, and last running it in 2012. His plan is to get back up-to-speed to qualify for Boston again next year when he will be 65.

throughout the world. Robert says that without a doubt none of this would have been possible without his five years at St. Andrew's College: "The masters took an interest in my tenacity and were able to launch me into Dalhousie University, which then segued to Osgoode Hall Law School where I graduated with a law degree in 1968. And as they say, the rest is history! There is definitely room for a C+ student with dedication to make it over the finish line, whereas some may well have needed an A to get them there. But the launching pad was definitely SAC, with its outstanding, dedicated, and thoughtful masters and the many friendships, which I continue to maintain and which helped me along the way." But the best part, adds Robert, is his 50-year marriage to his Scottish/Cuban wife, Kathy, which will be celebrated next year with their three children and seven grandchildren at their island retreat on Georgian Bay, Ont.

ANDREW WOOD

left his home in Germany for an 11-week tour of Canada this summer to visit friends, relatives, and do some research on his ancestors. He was able to attend SAC's Homecoming in September where he met up with his nephew and current student, Michael Kurp '18.

1964

JIM HERDER

and classmates Ray Osborne, John Rook, Bill Westfall, and Bob Williams formed a committee to help the School organize its 50th Reunion Dinner, which was held at SAC on May 2. Jim says the committee was pleased to have 14

turn out but also wanted to pass along best wishes to the following class members who, for one reason or another, were unable to attend: John Barker, Robert (Roy) Benveniste, Lee Coulter, Laird Hibbitt, Andy Knox, Ian Macfarlane, Peter Pook, John Robinson, David Rowe, Stephen Russell, John Service, Alastair Sweeny, David Wharton, Peter Wyse, and John Zurbrigg. As the annual dinner is for the 50-year and over classes, Jim is planning to have a table or two on May 1, 2015 to support friends from the Class of 1965. He says he's already heard from a few classmates who could not attend this year but are planning to come next spring and urges all '64s to join them.

DAVID ROWE

is now retired and living in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. He says his life of living and working in Canada, Portugal, the U.K., France, Switzerland, and Australia has kept him busy. He and his wife, Melanie, have also raised three beautiful daughters who are now full-fledged Australians. David has many recollections of SAC, which he says gave him resilience and taught him tolerance. Two of the many teachers that stood out for him were Dick Gibb, also his leader in Europe on the Gibb-Macfarlane tour, and the "great French teacher" Tibor Bozay.

1969

GORD HENDERSON

had his novel, *Man in the Shadows* (HarperCollins), published this summer. The adventure/thriller is built around the assassination of D'Arcy McGee and the fragile

An elder Old Boy returns home

Some St. Andrew's students remain in contact with their school chums from the day they leave the School. Others drift away and come back after a few months, years or even decades.

It took Eric Free '54 sixty years—a lifetime—before he would return. When Eric graduated from SAC in 1954, he decided against attending the University of Virginia, took a job in London, England, and lost contact with most of his classmates. The exception was John Vaughan '54, and his brothers, the late **Ritchie '54** and **Harry '58**, who went to university in London.

However, this past May, Eric decided to return to St. Andrew's for the 50-Year-Plus Annual Reunion Dinner, held the evening before the Cadet Inspection. "I had been talking about my time with the Vaughans in London so long ago," Eric recalls. "My daughters, Louisa and Georgina, found John on the Internet, and then contacted **Nick Weedon '02**, SAC's Old Boy Officer. They found out about the reunion, and after three days of nagging and bribery, I finally got on a plane with Georgina and came over to St. Andrew's.

"John hadn't changed at all, nor had **Tony Guzman '54**, and I recognized them right off. I reconnected with **John Trent '53** and **John Cathers '54** and some others. I didn't recognize some of the others, and I'm sure they didn't recognize me either. But after 60 years it was amazing to see these people again, and I was so glad I made the trip."

Eric's parents—his mother was American and his father English—had been living in the U.S. when Eric came of high-school age in 1950. "They wanted me to have an English education and the closest thing was St. Andrew's,"

he says. He was a boarder in Flavelle House, where Stan Macfarlane was Housemaster. "Stan Macfarlane was a strict disciplinarian," Eric remembers. "He would use his forefinger to jab you in the chest while he said something like, 'Here, here, my boy, what's going on here?' He had been in the French underground and was our French master. We respected him, and he was fair, but we were school boys, so we had a rude song about him that you can't publish!"

Eric particularly liked the Cadet Corps under Major Aubrey Holmes during his SAC years, and he won Best Cadet in his graduating year. "The Cadet Corps was very different back then," he notes. "It was smaller—only four platoons of about 30 Cadets each—there were fewer younger boys, and there was much more stress on marching, dress, and deportment as the Inspection approached. The campus was different. When I came back in May I hardly knew where I was on campus until I caught sight of the Chapel."

After leaving St. Andrew's, Eric became an insurance broker with Lloyds of London. He then went to the U.S. where he served with American International

Group (AIG), moving between various U.S. cities and London, and finally ending up as managing director in London, where he has lived ever since.

Eric and his first wife, Wendy, had a daughter, Victoria. He was married to his second wife, Anne, who passed away last year, for 37 years. Eric remains in contact with his old friend, John Vaughan, and says he will stay in contact with some others he touched base with on his memorable visit to Aurora.  **JIM MCGILLIVRAY**



1972

MICHAEL KING

is living in Vancouver with his wife, Laurel. He took full retirement in April 2014, a month before turning 61 and looks forward to lots of tennis and travel. Upcoming destinations: Louisiana, Cook Islands, France, Spain, and Tofino, Italy, as often as possible.



1973

RAYMOND LEUNG

and Ian McClintock '73 met at St. Andrew's College in August, the first time they had seen each other in 41 years. Raymond, from Hong Kong, and Ian, who lives in the Vancouver area, discovered they were both in Toronto at the same time. They hastily made plans and the next day were on campus reminiscing about their many fond memories of "the School that truly brings all Andreans together." Afterwards, they enjoyed a great lunch with their wives in Newmarket. Raymond has recently launched his fifth publication, *Mediation Practice & Skills* in simplified Chinese, which is available throughout China.



1979

GREG BAUN

(in orange) invited (l-r) Scott Sillcox '77, Gary Lawrence '76, and Paul Bedard '79 in August for a cruise of Lake Ontario aboard his boat *Stockholm*. Besides telling and re-telling old stories, part of the topic of discussion was Greg's son Kyle, who is in his second varsity hockey season at Colgate University and being shown a high level of interest from a number of NHL teams. As Gary noted, apparently hockey talent skips a generation.

months just after Confederation. Lawyer and popular novelist Robert Rotenberg calls it "a Canadian murder mystery for the ages" and best-selling author Terry Fallis wrote, "Gordon Henderson has written a cracking yarn that grabs you by the lapels and never lets go." Gordon's day job is running 90th Parallel Productions, a Toronto-based documentary production company specializing in films about history, science, and current affairs. He works closely with Andrew Gregg '81.

camper. He says that Andreans are always welcome to visit him in Mahone Bay.

RODERICK KNOWLES



and his three-man crew set a new 40-ft. Around Britain and Ireland race world record in August.

Roderick skippered *Swish* a distance of 1,773 nautical miles over eight days, 19 hours, six minutes and 49 seconds to win in his category. The yacht maintained an average speed of 8.4 knots during the race and broke the previous record by almost a day. Roderick and his wife, Libby, have three grown children and live in London, England, with their black Labrador Retriever.

1982

STEVE ARDILL

visited campus recently with his wife, Kelly Anne, and son, Griffin, 11. Steve is an advisory partner with Ernst & Young based in Dubai. Steve and his family transferred to Dubai five years ago from Virginia.

1984

ROBERT CALDWELL

was named to the CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) international board of trustees in July. As a trustee he represents Case District 1 (New England, Quebec and Atlantic Canada) and serves on their board.

From classroom to courtroom and back again

It is logical to expect that the Brooks Cup winner for best debater in his last two years at St. Andrew's might be headed for a career in the courtroom. And this is exactly what **Stephen Pitel '86** did—for a time.

In 2013, Stephen was made full professor of law at Western University in London, Ont., having taught there since 2000. But this isn't the career path he set out on. After receiving his law degree from Dalhousie University, he practiced commercial litigation with two well-known Toronto law firms. However, after pursuing a master's degree in law at the University of Cambridge, Stephen thought academia might be more appealing. He obtained a doctoral degree at Cambridge in the late 1990s. His return to Canada happily coincided with a hiring boom at Western.

"When I was in private practice," Stephen says, "I liked many aspects of the work. But litigation is a demanding way to make a living in terms of when you work and what kind of work you do. You're not really in control of those things. One of the great advantages of what I do now is that, for the most part, I'm the one who gets to decide what I'm going to do, and when in a given day, week or month I'm going to do it."

Stephen's work entails writing as well as teaching. He has published numerous articles in high-profile legal journals and has co-edited or co-authored 13 books. "Squeezing research and writing into a busy teaching and preparation schedule is a challenge, but managing the required time is

mostly in my control. I really enjoy being able to run my own show," he says.

Having worked towards full professorship for several years, Stephen is now starting to accept offers to teach short, intensive courses at other universities such as the University of Toronto,

where he will spend a week in November 2014 teaching a course in legal ethics and professionalism. He hopes that more such opportunities will be forthcoming. He has also become involved in research into judicial ethics and participates as an instructor in national judicial continuing-education programs.

Stephen knew during his five years at SAC that law was what he wanted to do. He credits several SAC teachers with developing the thinking skills he required.

"Rupert Ray was a terrific instructor, both for English and debating," he says. "Tony Myrans was fabulous: demanding but very generous with his time. Derek Inglis was terrific as well; he had a quiet manner, but he was good at taking you to another level. All three found ways to interest you in the material."

"To my mind, one of the School's greatest strengths is the quality of teaching," he says. "Several of my teachers could have taught at the

university level. I can see now that I experienced university teaching before I left SAC."

Stephen and his wife, a criminal lawyer who both prosecutes and defends, live in London. In his limited spare time he gardens and plays golf. "If I don't get 20 rounds in," he declares, "I consider the summer a failure!"  **JIM MCGILLIVRAY**



Old Boys News

(below, l-r) Newly appointed Cadet Commanding Officer Lt.-Col. Andrew Ladouceur '15, Mst. Cpl. Sulaiman Mahmood '16, Major Brian McCue, and Scott Nettie '82.



1982

SCOTT NETTIE

married Thi Huynh (top photo) on June 28 in Markham, Ont. Best man was David Merkel '82. Faculty member, Brian McCue, was also in attendance. The wedding party consisted of the couple's children, Charlotte and Malcolm '16, their nieces, Trish and Michelle, and nephew, Calvin. Scott also attended the Queen's York Rangers Annual Cadet Inspection at the Aurora Community Centre in May along with staff and Cadets from #142 St. Andrew's College Highland Cadet Corps. The Reviewing Officer was Brigadier General Romses, Colonel Commandant of the Army Cadets. Scott and Thi live in Newmarket.



(l-r) Adam Wharton '90, David Wharton '64, Dallas Wharton '92, and Jim Herder '64 in Quidi Vidi, Newfoundland, in July.

1990

ADAM WHARTON

works for the multi-family division of Delavaco Residential Properties, primarily overseeing the day-to-day operations as well as acquisitions and dispositions. Adam and his wife, Jennifer, have a two-year-old daughter, Lilliana, and live in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

as well. He is the only secondary school advancement professional to serve in this capacity. Robert is assistant head of school at Holderness School in New Hampshire. CASE is the world's largest non-profit educational association in terms of institutional membership and includes more than 3,600 colleges and universities, primary and secondary independent and international schools, and non-profit organizations in 82 countries, serving 174,000 advancement professionals on the staffs of member institutions. Robert and his family live in Campton, N.H.



1988

GLENN HANT

feels fortunate to have been included in the formation of the SAC Hockey Booster Club in the fall of 2013, a venture that has so far raised a quarter-million dollars for the La Brier Family Arena. He was thrilled to play in the first over-40 alumni game in the new arena during Homecoming festivities in September. Glenn has joined the St. Andrew's East Golf Club and spends his free time golfing. He earned his real estate broker's designation in 2012 and continues working from city to country with Laceby Real Estate in Aurora.

1990

ALLAN FROST

is senior executive support at BMO Financial Group in Toronto supporting all executive IT requirements along with project coordinating.

1991

JAMES MORGAN

married Michelle Latzoni in March,



2014 at Congress Hall in Cape May, New Jersey. Old Boys in attendance included brothers John '86 and Paul '88, as well as Will Long '93 and his wife, Sarah. James and Michelle live in Manhattan and are both employed in the financial services industry. James was also the guest speaker at the grade 12 graduation dinner in June. To watch his speech, visit www.sac.on.ca/pages/james-morgan.

SEAN RALPH

was appointed to the board of directors for Sasol Canada in 2013. In addition to his duties in Canada, Sean accepted a work assignment in Houston, Texas, as associate general counsel, mega projects for Sasol North America where he provides legal support on its multi-billion dollar Lake Charles Chemical Project. It is one of the largest projects in North America and consists of the design, construction, and operation of a world-class ethane cracker and gas-to-liquids facility. The new facilities will be located alongside the company's existing petrochemicals facility in Louisiana. Sean tells us it is an exciting project to work on and certainly keeps life interesting. Sean, his wife, Cindy, and their three children—Erin, Owen, and Alaina—live in Calgary.

1992

ROB OSBORNE

is the general counsel and a partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers Canada, where he works with fellow Andean and lawyer, Kai Brown '95. Rob lives in Toronto with his wife, Jessica, and their two children.

1995

JONATHAN PARKER

recently finished a four-year posting as a liaison officer to the United States Navy in Washington, D.C. He has relocated to Halifax, N.S., where he continues to serve with the Royal Canadian Navy.

1996

MARTIN LANDRY

and his wife, Hero, welcomed their second child, Claire Frances Dossetor Landry, on April 5, 2014. Claire is a baby sister to Michael, 1. Martin works for Ferrovial Agroman Canada Inc. as director of business development. The family resides in Toronto.

ALEX WOOD

participated in the German Championship of Handicapped Golfers at the Treudelberg Golf Club in Hamburg, Germany, for the second straight year. The competition took place August 9-10 and was extra special for Alex as his father, Andrew '60, provided great support as his caddy. Alex finished second of three competitors in his category, a result he was happy with. Alex lives in Hamburg.



1996

STEVE LEWIS

has recently launched Noshu, an Australian-owned company committed to developing natural products he says enhance your life in a positively delicious and healthy way. Steve explains they take all the bad stuff out, and put good stuff back in, making their products as decadent, delicious, and satisfying as they are healthy, like their first product—healthy donuts, which have been praised as an indulgent

snack for people with dietary limitations. Along with Noshu, Steve's branding agency, Realise Creative, has been working with Australian food icon, Margaret Fulton (with Steve above). Together they have published two of her recent books and have launched a bakeware range with the country's leading department store. Steve's other client, Louise Keats, won the Cookbook of the Year Award for 2013, and together they have commenced production of an animated series based on her two children's books. Steve lives in Coogee Beach in Sydney with his two daughters, Bowie Joy, 7, and Harlow, 6.



Dave (right) attended SAC's Focus Alumni event in May where he caught up with old friend, Darcy Montgomery '92.

DAVID PARENT

joined St. Andrew's in September as a Residential Don in Flavelle House and a teacher of grade 10 English. Prior to this, he worked in SAC's Residential program as part of his B.Ed program at Trent University.

Reviving family business within Mexican conglomerate

When Alfredo Villegas-Camil '94 returned to Mexico from St. Andrew's in 1993 and enrolled in the Instituto Tecnológico Autonomo de Mexico (ITAM), Mexico's leading economics school, his future seemed destined for finance and banking. Subsequent positions with the Ministry of Economic Development in Mexico City and then with Citigroup Private Banking seemed to bear this out.

However, in 2006, when an opportunity arose for him to accept a position in Miami with US Trust (later acquired by Bank of America), his father thought it was time to make his son an offer that would keep him at home. It was then that Alfredo joined the family business his grandfather had started in 1952.

Alfredo was well-equipped to join the thriving business. Besides six years' experience in finance and economics, he had proven his academic prowess at St. Andrew's. He came to the School in 1992 in grade 11, planning to spend three years here. But he fast-tracked and finished grades 11 to 13 in two years. They were good years. "I was very happy at St. Andrew's," he recalls. "I felt very comfortable from the start, and I made great friends, some of whom I'm still in touch with. They were very important formative years for me."

His grandfather had grown the family business into the second largest poultry producer in Mexico, but when Alfredo joined them, the company had already left the poultry business and had migrated wholeheartedly into land development and waste management—recycling in particular.

But when an opportunity came for them to revive that part of the business and add construction to the mix, Alfredo

came to the fore. Today, Trasgo accounts for 25 percent of Tyson de Mexico's poultry production, though the company's focus is now on building and operating the chicken farms, and on providing equipment rather than the farming side. For example, they introduced a new innovation in Mexico—a tunnel ventilation system that helps dramatically regulate temperatures in the buildings where the chickens are raised, thus reducing other production costs.

Alfredo spends 70 percent of his time with Trasgo, but as CEO of the conglomerate, he also oversees Altum, the construction division, and Reciclados Torreon, the recycling side.

While the business keeps him busy, he still makes time to travel, sit on two outside financial boards, pursue his love of running, and visit his ranch near his hometown of Torreon along with his wife, Pamela, and their two young daughters, ages five and two and a half.

Alfredo also has the distinction of being the youngest subscriber to SAC's 1899 Andrean Legacy Society, which allows Old Boys to take out a life insurance policy with the School as the beneficiary. "The School was good to me," he says. "I love it still, and I feel

I owe this much to it at least. Should Pamela and I be blessed with a son, he will someday be a St. Andrew's student. I was looking forward to visiting the School for my 20th-year class reunion in the fall but work commitments stood in the way. Hopefully I'll be able to come up sometime in the near future."

Alfredo also has two younger brothers who recently attended the School: Gonzalo Villegas Olavarri '12 and Rafael Villegas Olavarri '09.  JIM McGILLIVRAY



1997

KIRK CHARLES



visited campus in April for the first time in over 10 years, along with his partner, Shauna. Kirk and Shauna welcomed their first child, Mya Michelle, on July 24. The couple met at the restaurant Shauna owns in Antigua, and Kirk never left!

1998

ROYCE LO

and his wife, Jennifer, had their first child, Lara, on October 17, 2013. The family lives in Hong Kong where Royce works in the commodity finance division of Standard Chartered Bank.

ANTONIO RIVA PALACIO LAVIN

moved to Beijing in late spring to head the China office of his law firm, Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle. He will continue to advise on international investment and the settlement of international disputes, focusing on the Asia-Latin America market.

1999

BRIAN HRACS

has accepted a permanent lecture-ship in economic geography at the University of Southampton, U.K. Since receiving his PhD in geography from the University of Toronto in 2010, he has held research fellowships at the Rotman School of Management in Toronto and Uppsala University in Sweden. Brian's research looks at how digital technologies and global competition are reshaping the creative economy. After enjoying life in Sweden for the past three years, Brian and his wife, Andrea, are looking forward to experiencing England.



Brian and Andrea in Barcelona

2000

STEPHEN AMELL

(below right) ran into former football teammate and fellow Old Boy, Dan Near '99, at game five of the Stanley Cup finals in Los Angeles. Dan works for the NHL as director, consumer products licensing. Stephen plays the title character in the TV series Arrow and lives in Los Angeles.



1998

DALE JORDAN

married his best friend, Rana Korkmaz, on August 10, 2014 at the Liberty Grand Complex in Toronto. Dale was honoured to have his brother, Raymond '97, as his best man alongside groomsmen Jonathan Ahee '98 and Mark Landry '98. Other Old Boys in attendance included Brad Cross '98, Khalil Braithwaite '98, Alexander Christie '99, Jason Perrier '98, and Gerald Kwan '98. Dale works for Experian Decision Analytics as their global product manager. The couple live in Toronto.



JUSTIN LIN

married Ena Soda on April 26, 2014 at the Grand Hyatt in Taipei. There were 15 Old Boys in attendance including: Ross Lin '04, Colin Hsu '99, Orson Hsu '01, Albert Tsai '98, Michael Cheung '98, Andrew Koh '97, Armand Huynh '99, Hiu Ming Tsui '99, Michael Choi '99, Tom Takada '98, Joji Tanaka '97, Terence Liu '98, Danny Mak '01, Luis Kwok '02, and Ian Ma '01.

DANIEL MOK

stopped by the campus in April while he was in Canada visiting his parents. He currently lives in Hong Kong and works in landscape architecture. Daniel was very happy to see the many changes that our new buildings are bringing to the School. He also enjoyed spending some time visiting with his former teachers, including Jon Butcher (pictured in photo with Daniel).



2000

ALAIN CHICOINE

participated in the World Ultimate Club Championships (WUCC) in Italy in August. Alain was a member of FIGJAM, an ultimate Frisbee team based in Calgary and one of 15 Canadian teams that participated in the WUCC. He went into the tournament ranked tenth and finished second in the masters' division. Alain is a land development consultant with MMM Group and lives in Edmonton with his wife, Evelyn, and their two-year-old daughter, Carmen.



(l-r) Jon Butcher, Roger Chau, David Josselyn, Nicholas Weedon '02, Old Boy Officer.

2001

ROGER CHAU

visited campus with his wife, Vivian, and their daughter, Shannon, 3, in July. Roger is the head of teacher and student affairs at an educational centre in Hong Kong, while Vivian is a dietitian. They enjoyed lunch in the Great Hall, toured campus, and caught up with his former teachers, David Josselyn and Jon Butcher. Roger says it brought back a lot of great memories. The family reside in Hong Kong.

JOSE DE CASO

visited campus with his wife, Alejandra, in May. They have two sons, Santiago, 4, and Gonzalo, 2. Jose works for Allianz Insurance in Mexico as a regional sales deputy director.



STEPHEN GARIEPY

and his wife, Lindsay, welcomed Brayden Norman on June 9, 2014. Older brother, Brodie, 3, is excited to have a baby brother. Stephen is the district sales manager of Power & Tel of Canada and lives with his family in Fergus, Ont.

GREG THOMPSON

started an insurance brokerage in 2011 specializing in life insurance, employee benefits, and wealth management. Greg married Michele Charbonneau in 2010 and they had a son, Owen, on March 20, 2014. Greg is co-chair of St. Michael's Hospital Foundation Young Leaders Golf Tournament.

2001

DEVON AJRAM

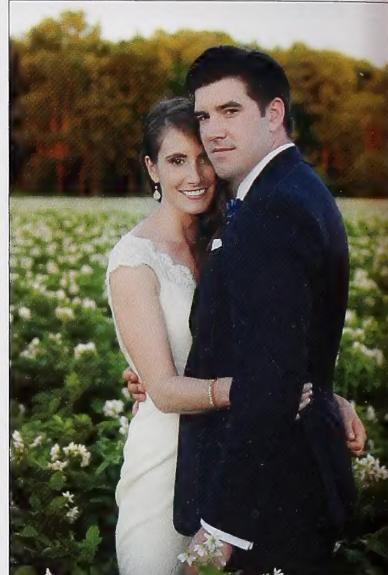
and his wife, Megan, welcomed their first child, Lachlan Felix, on October 27, 2013. Devon was relocated to Toronto with TD Bank and is now senior product manager with retail banking products and services at the head office in Toronto.

JONATHAN CHENG

remains a staff reporter for *The Wall Street Journal* but is now based in Seoul, South Korea, following three years in New York and five years in Hong Kong, all for the *Journal*. These days, he writes about technology (Samsung Electronics) as well as issues on the Korean Peninsula.

ROSS MARSHALL

married Dayna Colalillo on July 5, 2014 in Alliston, Ont. The newlyweds honeymooned in Italy



and France following the wedding. Ross's brother, Jeff '97, was the best man and Graydon Stock '02 was a groomsman. Other Old Boys at the wedding were Doug Kane '73, Tom Birkett '74, Geza von Diergardt '74, Matt Fischer '97, Jeff Ovens '01, Jarryd Stock '03, Tim Birkett '04, Darryl Stock '04, and Dan von Diergardt '04. Ross works for McAshphalt Industries Limited in Toronto, where he and Dayna live.

2002

JORDAN DUDLEY

and his wife, Sarah, welcomed their first child, Olivia Drew, on April 14, 2014. Jordan continues to work as a pilot for Porter Airlines. Jordan, Sarah, and Olivia live in Halifax, N.S.



Dragons' Den connection boosts business prospects

In May this year, Ted Mercer '96 created a buzz in the SAC McEwen Leadership program when he hosted three students and teacher Sean Ludwig at a behind-the-scenes visit to the set of the *Dragons' Den*. The young man who graduated from SAC with his sights set on being a Chartered Accountant had, in fact, taken a very different tack in life.

"I graduated from Wilfrid Laurier University's Business Co-op program and passed the Chartered Accountant's examination with KPMG in Toronto," Ted explains. "KPMG transferred me to London, England, and then to Sydney, Australia." London was a natural move for Ted, as his family had emigrated from there when he was five years old.

"After returning to Canada, I realized that what I really wanted to do was sell," he says. "I love presentations, I love persuading people and building relationships, and that meant it was either sales or politics. So I went into sales with a small software company called Resolver. I learned a lot, we tripled it in size and increased revenue substantially. So while CA studies were a great way to get started, I was now into sales."

In 2011, Ted decided it was time for a change, so he started a sales consulting firm for technology companies. "We help companies build a sales strategy," he explains. "Then we test it to make sure it works by actually helping them sell. If the relationship is a positive one, we might help them raise money as well."

The company's image received a considerable boost in 2013 when a colleague in a business deal liked Ted's negotiating style so much he recommended him to his partner, Bruce Croxon. Mr. Croxon was one of the venture capitalists on CBC's popular *Dragons' Den*, a show where entrepreneurs pitch new business ideas to five wealthy investors who decide whether

or not to buy into the fledgling companies. Since then, Ted has been contracted to do due diligence work for Mr. Croxon, which includes getting to know the entrepreneurs, structuring and negotiating the deal, and then funding and monitoring it.

"I enjoyed taking the McEwen students to the *Dragons' Den*. They were able to meet David Chilton and Jim Treliving, two of the current "dragons" and understand a bit more about how investors look at companies. It's not just the dollars; it's about the people, the market, and the gut feel for the deal. Jim Treliving encouraged the students to pursue their entrepreneurial dreams."

"I've done eight deals for Bruce now, and they have been fun and interesting," Ted explains. Between this and the consulting work, he had enough time this past January to invest in a food distribution company with two partners. This, Ted says, is where he would like his future to be.

"One partner operates the company, and my other partner and I look for more food companies to invest in. We're looking at three right

now. Food is going to be my future. My entire family going back three generations has been involved in food. My older brother, Paul, owns four restaurants in Oregon, my younger brother, William '98, runs a small catering business for private dinners in people's homes as a hobby, my father raised Holstein cattle, and my grandfather owned the second largest dairy in England."

Just over a year ago, Ted married a childhood friend, Dr. Victoria Smart, (Appleby '98) an oncologist at Princess Margaret Hospital. Victoria's grandfather, Ted Smart, was a SAC Old Boy from the Class of 1925, and her brother, David Smart, attended the school in the '70s. The couple lives in downtown Toronto. "We play a ton of golf and tennis together, and we ski as much as we can," Ted says.  JIM MCGILLIVRAY



2001

MARC SWENKER

visited Mathieu Soulié '99, Paul Perrier '01, and Jack Popiel '01 in Los Angeles in June. Marc is an award-winning producer with 13 production credits to his name. One of his films, *Against the*

Wild, is currently among the highest-grossing Canadian films of the year. He was able to take time from his busy schedule to assist SAC's Head of Drama, William Scoular, with his new film, *ACADEMY*. Marc lives in Toronto.



2002
Giancarlo (third from right) at his store's reopening

GIANCARLO TRIMARCHI

is part owner of Vince's Country Market, an independent grocery store with locations in Newmarket, Sharon, and Uxbridge. The Newmarket location underwent a major renovation earlier this year and celebrated its grand re-opening in May. Giancarlo, his wife, Kristen, and their two-year-old daughter, Ella, live in Newmarket.



(l-r) David Wang's uncle, Nick Haramis (also the uncle of Near brothers Dan '99 and Jamie '01), Giancarlo Trimarchi '02, Chris Chang '02, David and Eva, Bosco Tse '03, and Emmery Cheung '03

DAVID WANG

married Eva Hua on June 8, 2014. Following the wedding, the couple celebrated with friends and family at Eagle's Nest Golf Club in Maple, Ont. A second wedding took place in Shanghai on October 25. David is in the midst of completing his MBA at Ryerson University. The couple live in Richmond Hill, Ont.

JAMIE SCOTT

works for RBC Dominion Securities in the Cayman Islands. Having travelled and worked amongst the three RBC Dominion Securities locations in the Caribbean—the Bahamas, Barbados, and presently the Cayman Islands, he has had the opportunity to work for a Canadian financial institution in the offshore financial sector. He invites Andreans with questions about the financial industry or those living in the Caribbean region interested in working in the international sector to get in touch, as he would be happy to answer any questions.

BRAD SMITH

along with Jarryd Stock '03 and Stuart Manchee '03 made a guest appearance at SAC's Focus Festival in May with two evening performances of SAC *Glee*. The trio did a number to *Everybody* by Backstreet Boys. Brad was also at the School in June to shoot the William Scoular film *ACADEMY* in which he plays the role of a teacher. Two other Old Boys, Marc Swenker '01 and Mike Mildon '12 worked as production assistants on the film. Brad is a regular co-host on CityTV's *Breakfast TV* during the week and flies to Los Angeles on weekends as an entertainment correspondent.



Brad Smith (right) and Marc Swenker



NICK WEEDON '02

and his wife, Ashley, welcomed their first child, Abigail Lorie, two weeks earlier than expected on June 30, 2013. Nick has been working in the Alumni & Advancement Office at St. Andrew's for six years and lives with his family in Aurora.

2003

DAVE BANWELL

and his wife, Jenny, travelled to Italy earlier in the year and visited St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City where they took a photo of St. Andrew. David says it was a



pretty awesome sight. David began his MBA at Columbia University and continues to work for Markit as director of sales in New York.

ALEX CAMARGO

married Jenna Friedenthal at the Bourne Mansion in Oakdale, N.Y., on April 19, 2014. Alex's best man was his brother, Andrew '98, and Fred Kane '03 was one of his groomsmen. Alex works as a consultant for Oliver Wyman in New York City, where he and Jenna live.



Postcard from a Grad



JESSE-ROSS COHEN '06

Graduating from St. Andrew's in 2006, I knew full well the value of an elite academic institution. It was this mentality that brought me first to the University of Toronto and then to Osgoode Hall Law School. At the former, I earned an honours BA in political science, history, and writing and rhetoric, while at the latter, I finished in the top 3% of my class.

My legal career has begun at Goodmans LLP, a preeminent "Seven Sister" Bay Street law firm, where I have been articling this year. The firm is an industry leader in many fields, including M&A, securities, commercial lending, insolvency, corporate litigation, and municipal affairs.

It is hard to say whether it was the discipline learned under Sandi Chasson in the music program, the passion for knowledge instilled in David Stewart's history classes, or the many opportunities I had for debate and public speaking abroad on behalf of the College, that best prepared me for these successes. In any event, I am proud to have continued our Andrean tradition of excellence.

MARK CHENG

earned his MA from Columbia University in 2012 and has taken the position of director of data management for a network of charter schools called Democracy Prep in Harlem, N.Y.

CHRIS CHMIEL

completed both a bachelor of science degree in biological sciences and a bachelor of nutritional science degree at the University of Guelph in 2007. He continued with his education by completing his master's degree in physical therapy at Leeds Metropolitan University in the U.K. in 2010. He married Jeanna Hough in May 2012; a wedding attended by classmates Phil Benhaim and



Chris (second from the left) with his staff at Forest Hill Physiotherapy & Health Centre

James Kesten. Chris established Forest Hill Physiotherapy & Health Centre Ltd. earlier this year and is the clinic's director. He is passionate about providing a holistic approach to healthy living with his team of professionals. Chris and Jeanna live in Toronto.

ALEX SUNG '07

After graduating from Queen's University, I worked for a year with my father to learn about the business that provided for my family.

In February 2012, I enrolled in the JD program at Bond University in Australia. As postgraduates, we were required to conduct mock trials, offer written advice, and interview clients as part of our assessments. I thoroughly enjoyed the program as it was very similar to SAC and the level of attention provided to students.

I travelled to Thailand, Indonesia, Hong Kong, and Macau during breaks. My favourite experience was training in Thai Boxing for two weeks in Bangkok and Pattaya with professional fighters.

My time at SAC served me well. It was there I learned to carry on when the tasks before me seem impossible. I used the outdoor skills from the Cadet program on various hikes, such as the Tamborine Mountain in Queensland.

Now that I am home, I am looking for an articling student position at a law firm to fulfill the requirements to become licensed as a barrister and solicitor in Ontario.

FRASER FELL

is in his second year teaching grades 10 and 11 English at Country Day School in King City, Ont. He also assists in directing the school's dramatic productions. He was previously employed by Rosseau Lake College for three years. Fraser lives in Stouffville, Ont.

BRIAN HARVEY

married Lisa Roscoe at St. Mark's



Anglican Church in Niagara-on-the-lake, Ont., on January 4, 2014. Brent Brandham '03 was one of the groomsmen and John Housser '03 travelled from Vancouver to attend. The couple honeymooned in Whitehouse, Jamaica, and returned home to New York City where Lisa is a lawyer and Brian is in the second year of his master's of public administration degree at NYU Wagner.

(l-r) Brooke Harvey, Janis Harvey, Brian and Lisa, and David Harvey '75

2003

HUGH DOWELL

professed vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience in the Congregation of Holy Cross in August, at Sacred Heart Church in Colorado Springs. Hugh had been living at the Province's novitiate house for the past year, taking the program of formation—which focuses on spiritual and

personal development as well as discernment of professing religious vows. After professing vows, Hugh received his religious habit and letter of obedience formally designating him as a member of the Congregation. Witnessing Hugh's profession were his parents as well as many members of his new religious family. Hugh now returns to Moreau Seminary at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana to continue his studies and formation for the priesthood. The Congregation of Holy Cross is an international religious order in the Roman Catholic Church whose mandate is to be educators in the faith through service in schools, universities, parishes, and mission work.

MERVYN FRAME

and his wife, Kate, welcomed their first child, Charlotte, on January 26, 2014. Charlotte was born five weeks ahead of her due date while Kate was visiting Toronto to attend a baby shower in her honour hosted by friends and family. Mervyn stayed behind in Ottawa, but when he heard Kate was in labour, he rushed to Toronto. He ended up missing the birth by about 45 minutes, but was thankful that Kate's parents and siblings were with her at the hospital. Despite her premature birth, Charlotte arrived into the world completely healthy. The couple is thrilled with their new little addition and are adjusting to family life in Ottawa.



Alex during the Barneo expedition at the North Pole



ALEX McNEIL

became the youngest person to lead an expedition to the North Pole aboard a Russian nuclear-powered icebreaker. He has travelled to the North Pole seven times, including his most recent expedition to the Russian scientific ice station, Barneo. Over the last eight years, Alex has led over 100 polar expeditions to all corners of the Arctic and Antarctica.

JEREMY LEE

is an account executive with Creative Circle. After spending four years leading the growth of a start-up company in Toronto, he has taken his marketing and advertising expertise to the staffing and recruitment industry. He and his wife, Rebecca, live in Toronto.

by a board of five members including Old Boys Darryl Stock '04, Tim Birkett '04, and Dan Von Diergardt '04. The invitation-only event is generously hosted by the Burke family (Billy '04, Joey '06). This year it welcomed 44 golfers.

2006

ADAM LAING

moved back to Jamaica to work in the family business, Tara Courier Services, following his graduation from the University of St. Andrew's four years ago. The company was recently awarded a contract to be the exclusive service contractor for UPS in Jamaica. In his spare time, Adam plays polo and participated in the 2014 Densham Cup with Daniel Melville '99 and Jonathan Dougall '00. Adam and Brandon Richards '06 were roommates in Flavelle House and have known each other since they were youngsters. Adam credits Daniel for introducing him to SAC and is part of the reason he chose to attend.

JOHN PARK

returned to Pittsburgh, Pa., to begin a PhD program in computer science at Carnegie Mellon University in the fall of 2013. He had been working in South Korea as a financial engineer as part of his military service obligation for three years after he completed his final year of undergraduate studies at Carnegie Mellon in 2010.

JUSTIN QUINTON

completed his BSc (Hons.) in economics in 2013 as well as his MA in economics at Memorial University of Newfoundland in 2014. He was the co-recipient of

TAYLOR IRVING

along with Ricky Reininger '04, Rick Reininger '73, and Mike Thompson, won the 2014 Jim Hamilton Trophy with the lowest gross score at the Annual Old Boys Association Golf Tournament in June. He was also the winner of the longest-drive competition. Taylor is project manager at EMC Power Canada Ltd. in Pickering, Ont.

JARRYD STOCK

and 15 other Old Boys participated in the 5th Annual UK (Uncle Kornack) Classic at Muskoka Highlands on August 9. Muskoka Highlands is owned and operated by Don MacKay '70. The UK Classic is an annual golf tournament organized



SEAN ENNIS '09

After I graduated from St. Andrew's College in 2009, I attended Victoria College, University of Toronto, where I attended the Vic One program. I decided to pursue history as my specialty. I had the pleasure of studying under renowned historians such as Jennifer Jenkins, James Retallack, and Doris Bergen, focusing primarily on Germany and, more broadly, 19th and 20th century Europe.

I graduated in June with an honours BA specialist degree in history. While there, I followed in the footsteps of my father and uncle, joining the Zeta Psi fraternity. It was there I met my good friend, James Ellis, who invited me to join him on his history website, historyfactor.com, as a contributing author and podcast host. We recorded two podcasts on totalitarianism and the First World War. I am applying to both law school and graduate school for a master's in European history.

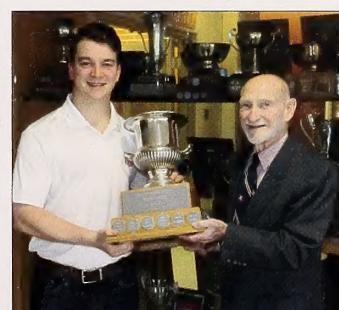
Looking back at my time at St. Andrew's College, I am very grateful for the education I received from the excellent teachers who prepared me for the rigours of university life, and for my parents' decision to send me there. To current students: treasure your educational experience while at St. Andrew's—it will help make you strong students and well-rounded citizens for your future.

the Best Student Paper Prize at the Atlantic Canadian Economics Association Conference in October. His research to date has focused on a willingness to pay for reducing the risk of moose-vehicle collisions in Newfoundland, which has been conducted with his supervising professor, Dr. Roberto Martínez-Espíñeira. He has received his distinction of Fellow of the School of Graduate Studies at Memorial for outstanding academic achievement in a graduate

program. Justin is currently working towards his PhD in economics at Queen's University.

PAUL ROSS

met former faculty member and founding rugby coach Courtney Stoate on campus in May during SAC's 50th Anniversary of



Postcard from a Grad



JOSHUA IRWANDI '10

Upon graduation from SAC in 2010, I went to study English literature at Exeter University in Southwest England, but instead I found myself with my camera 90% of the time.

I contributed to the Exeter paper *Exposé* (during my year as chief photographer, it was nominated for *Guardian Student Publication of the Year*), in addition to various undertakings such as theatre design and photography. The lessons I had with Mr. Kimmerer in C+T prepared me well for that. What he said about layout still lingers in my head: 'Go big or go home.'

I decided then that photojournalism was the way forward, despite industry pitfalls. I interned at the photo desks of Indonesian national papers *Kompas* and *Jakarta Globe*, as well as *The Times UK*. My work with *Kompas* brought an invitation to photograph the Asmat, a tribe in New Guinea. When I enrolled in the MA photojournalism and documentary photography program at the London College of Communication, I decided Asmat would be the material for my final, self-funded project.

When I graduate in January 2015, I will begin working for the Museum of Asmat Culture and Progress in Agats, Asmat, to continue this as a long-term project. The museum is in many ways the heart of Asmat culture, an amalgamation of Asmat cultures from varying regions. It is central in saving a culture that's eroding by the minute because of changes taking place at an almost-unstoppable pace.

Rugby Ceremony. Paul was the 2006 recipient of the Courtney Stoate First Rugby Most Valuable Player Award. Paul lives in Toronto and works for Delmeade Construction Ltd.

2007

KYLE BERGMAN

and Peter Welff '04 faced each other on the field in the World Lacrosse Championships in Denver, Colo., in July. Kyle is a member of Team Israel, while Peter, a native

of Sweden, is the captain of Tre Kronor. Their World's game was a bit lopsided with a 19-4 win for Team Israel that featured several former NCAA Division 1 players. Kyle, an offensive midfielder, finished the 38-nation tournament with 13 goals, 8 assists, and 11 ground balls over 8 games. Team Israel finished 7th overall. Peter, a long stick defender, was ranked 12th in the entire tournament. Sweden finished the World's ranked 11th after defeating New Zealand 8-6.

Old Boys News

2003

ANDREW WAKEFIELD

is in his first season as an on-field official with the CFL after having spent the past four years at the CIS and OUA level. He worked his first game in June between the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and Montreal Alouettes in Hamilton, Ont. He is working the line judge position and is currently the youngest official in the league. Andrew lives in Toronto.



2004

JOHAN IRWANDI

and his wife, Ursula, welcomed their first child, a baby boy named Sebastian Matthew, on April 30, 2014. The couple was married on September 21, 2013 in Jakarta where they currently reside.



(l-r) Brandon Richards, Daniel Melville, Jonathan Dougall, and Adam Laing

2006

BRANDON RICHARDS

completed a degree in economics with a minor in finance at Mount Allison University in 2011 and moved home to Jamaica where he manages his family's automotive parts business. He formed a polo team with Daniel Melville '99, Jonathan Dougall '00, and Adam Laing '06 to compete in one of the Jamaica Polo Association tournaments, the Densham Tournament. The tournament took place in May at the St. Ann Polo Club in Ochos Rios. Brandon wanted his team to wear the St. Andrew's colours and crest so he ordered polo shirts from the School's Campus Shop.

ANTHONY D'ANTONIO

is working as business development representative for Oracle Marketing Cloud. He was promoted to the enterprise sales-development team in July. Fellow Andreans Greg Van de Mark '07 and Stewart Powell '07 have recently joined the organization as well. Anthony lives in Toronto.



performances to the city. Ryan's vision is to present shows with "cultural,

philosophical, and social discussions that affect young Canadian adults by telling stories that challenge convention and force audiences to confront their own beliefs." The debut play that premiered in February, *Reasons to be Pretty* by Neil LaBute, received much critical acclaim. Ryan also works as a cultural cities advocate for a London-based non-profit political lobbying organization.

MARK JENKINS

won the Muskoka retreat raffle prize at the 2014 Old Boys Association Golf Tournament and treated his group from the tournament to two rounds of golf in Muskoka.



(l-r) Mark Jenkins, Corey Morrison '09, Clark Rabbior '09, and Bobby McDonald '09 at the Lake Joseph Club.

2009

LUCAS BOYD

is studying hotel management at George Brown College, St. James Campus. Lucas hopes this two-year program will help vault him into a management position at a full-service hotel. He completed his bachelor of business administration degree at St. Francis Xavier University earlier in 2014.

JOE PARK

graduated from the University of Toronto's employment relations program and is currently working as a part-time human-resources recruiter at *Arbitrage Magazine*. Joe hopes to break into a non-profit organization (such as Free The Children) where he can work with passion and contribute to creating important economic and social outcomes. Joe lives in Toronto.

RYAN COLE

is co-founder and artistic director of Tempting Tree Theatre Collective in London, Ont., a company that brings professional quality theatrical

2010

CHRISTIAN JULIEN

graduated from the University of Toronto with a BA (Hons.) in May. He received the Silver V Award for student leadership/involvement and was voted by professors and classmates to be the male student who best represents the embodiment of the values of his undergraduate college—Victoria University. Christian is now attending law school at the University of Ottawa and working towards his Juris Doctor degree.

KEVIN ZACHARUK

graduated from the Richard Ivey School of Business at Western University in May. He enjoyed most of his summer travelling in southeast Asia including Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Philippines, Indonesia, and Singapore. Kevin moved to New York City in August and works for Standard and Poor's as a product consultant.

2011

EDDIE MEREDITH

and Yannick Harou '12 brought the Yates Cup to St. Andrew's for a day last spring. The two are



(l-r) Eddie Meredith, SAC Varsity Football Head Coach Len Gurr, and Yannick Harou

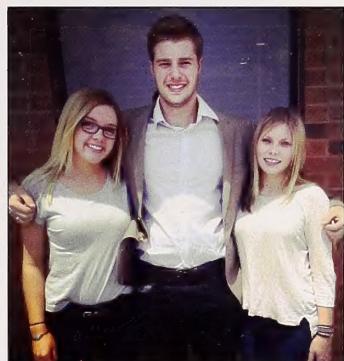
teammates on the Western University Mustangs, winners of the 2014 Ontario University Athletics football championship. It is the 30th time the team has won the Yates Cup.

2012

FABIAN ANDARK

is attending Manhattanville College where he is a member of the Valiants' Hockey team. He was also awarded the college's Chairman Scholarship, the most prestigious academic scholarship offered. He expresses his gratitude and thanks to SAC's University Counselling Office, and the School in general, for helping him attain this achievement.

REID SISSON



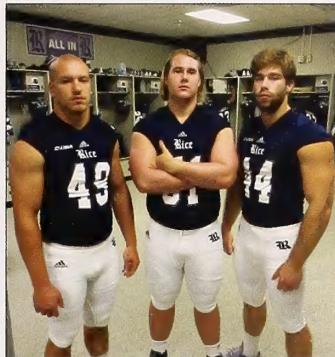
Reid with Katie (left), the inspiration for the run/walk, and Katie's friend, Faith

worked as a summer intern with Epilepsy Canada and helped promote "Katie's Run," which took place in Haliburton, Ont., this July and raised \$17,000. Reid is in his third year at Western University studying history.

2013

PETER GODBER

made his debut August 30 for Rice University as redshirt freshman



#51. The NCAA team played the Notre Dame Fighting Irish in front of 80,000 fans at Notre Dame Stadium, and the game was broadcast nationally on NBC. Even though the Rice Owls suffered defeat, Peter got quite a few snaps at right guard as well as on special teams. Peter is the first Old Boy to play at what is arguably the most famous football stadium in America. This is Peter's second year at Rice where, as well as playing on special teams, he should see some playing time on the offensive line.

DYLAN SIKURA

was drafted in the sixth round, 178th overall, by the Chicago Blackhawks in the NHL draft in June. He attends Northeastern University and plays for the Huskies while the Hawks watch his progress.

KEATON WARD

deferred his acceptance to Queen's University to volunteer

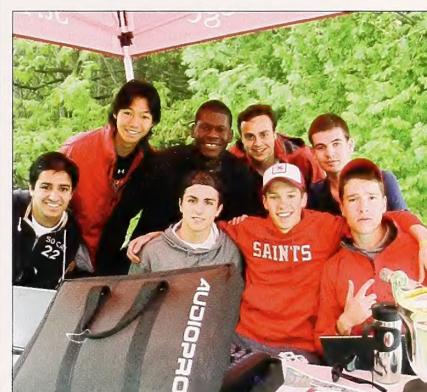


with the organization Lacrosse the Nations, in Playa Potrero, Costa Rica, from October to December 2013 and from January to April 2014. Lacrosse the Nations unifies the lacrosse community to sustainably improve education and health while creating hope and opportunity for children in need. Keaton is now in his first year at Queen's studying engineering, and plays on the varsity lacrosse team.

2014

CHRIS EGI

(third from left) was back on campus in May to celebrate Spring-Smash with his former classmates.



Chris attended his final year of high school at Montverde Academy in Florida. He entered Harvard University in September where he plays NCAA Division 1 basketball.

WARREN FOEGELE

was drafted in the third round, and the 67th overall pick, by the Carolina Hurricanes in the 2014 NHL entry draft in June. Warren currently plays for the University of New Hampshire Wildcats. Last season, the Varsity Hockey Saints' left winger scored 58 goals and 49 assists in 52 games. ☑

Old Boys Obituaries

1942

EDWARD BALLON



Edward Mahler Ballon passed away April 26, 2014 in Toronto. He attended St. Andrew's from 1939–42 where he was member of the Swim team, Ski team, First Cricket, and First Basketball; he was captain of the Track & Field team. Ed was awarded the George Etienne Cartier Medal in French and won the Wallace Cup in 1940 and 1941. After graduation, he attended McGill University and served as a lieutenant in the Royal Navy. Ed earned his MBA from the Harvard Business School, taught marketing at the University of Toronto Business School, and retired in 1990 as president of Henry Birks & Sons. After retirement, Ed was named executive director of the Business Fund for Canadian Studies in the U.S. Ed was also chairman of the board of Selwyn House, president of the McGill Graduate Society and a member of their board of governors, and for 34 years, from 1963–2007, a member of the St. Andrew's Board of Governors. Ed is predeceased by his brother **Jonathan '44** and survived by his wife, Heather; children Daphne (Stephen), David, Andrea (Mark), Reed (Julie), and Diana (Rick); and seven grandchildren.

1943

EDWARD CRAWFORD

Edward Hamon Crawford passed away May 1, 2014 in Toronto. He attended St. Andrew's from 1938–43 where he was a Prefect, Head of House, and Cadet Major. Ed was part of *The Review* staff, the Literary Society, and Drama Club. He also played First Cricket and participated in boxing. Ed was trained to be a navigator in the Royal Canadian Air Force at the end of the Second World War and had a long-standing career as president and chief executive officer at the Canada Life Insurance Company. He sat on the board of directors for CIBC, Gulf Canada, Moore Corporation, and The Hospital for Sick Children. He is predeceased by his wife, Barbara. Ed is survived by his sons, Rob (Charlene) and Doug '80 (Luci), and grandson, Andrew '16.

1947

WILLIAM SKINNER

William (Bill) Phin Skinner passed away September 13, 2014 in Newmarket, Ont. He attended St. Andrew's from 1944–47 where he was a Prefect and Pipe Sergeant. Bill was part of *The Review* staff and played First Rugby and Football. After graduation, Bill attended Trinity College, University of Toronto and later completed his teaching certificate at Queen's University. He first taught at Hillfield Strathallan College in Hamilton, Ont., before returning to St. Andrew's in 1963 where he was Housemaster of Macdonald House and Head of English. Bill led the Debating team and coached football and hockey during his 22-year tenure. He is survived by his wife, Connie; children, Patricia (Mike),

Rod '84 (Michelle), and Bob '88 (Laura); seven grandchildren; and four nieces and nephews including **Derek Apple '81**.

1953

ARTHUR MORRIS

Sutherland Arthur Morris died May 6, 2014 in Bermuda. He attended St. Andrew's from 1947–53 where he was a member of First Soccer and Track & Field, and was also captain of the Rifle team, a member of the Literary Society, and Pipe Major. Over his years at SAC, he won the Christie Cup for proficiency in shooting and the Lawrence Crow Medal. After graduation, Arthur attended the University of Waterloo to study pre-medicine, but with a knack for numbers returned to Bermuda after just one year, later training to become a chartered accountant in Halifax, N.S. During his career he founded the Arthur Morris Group of Companies that provides audit, accounting, trust fund, and corporate services to clients around the world. He also founded the Bermuda Society of Chartered Accountants. He was a long-serving director at Bermuda Press (Holdings) Ltd. and was involved in founding the Bermuda Pipe Band. He served his community as treasurer and member of the executive committee of the Bermuda Chamber of Commerce and president and director of Hamilton Rotary Club. Arthur is survived by his wife, June; children, Michele and Christopher; step-children, Michael and Annette; and 10 grandchildren including current student **Trew Morris '17**.

JOHN RAMSELL

John Dennis Ramsell passed away May 22, 2014 in Aurora.

He attended St. Andrew's from 1949–53 where he was a Prefect and an active athlete in First Football, First Hockey, and Track (captain). After graduation, John attended Michigan Technological University earning a degree as a mining engineer. He started his career as a ventilation engineer and later worked for IBM to market process control hardware to the mining industry in B.C. John is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; children, Janice, Sheryl, and John Jr.; and three grandchildren.

DEREK SHENSTONE

Derek J. S. Shenstone died September 18, 2014 in Toronto. He started SAC in grade 1 after special concessions were made to accommodate what might be the youngest student ever admitted. After eight years, he moved to the U.K. with his family to finish his education, returning to Canada in his twenties. His career was spent in sales, and in his 40s he founded OEM Sales. Derek had a passion for sailing, skiing, curling, Scottish dancing, food, and friends. He was featured



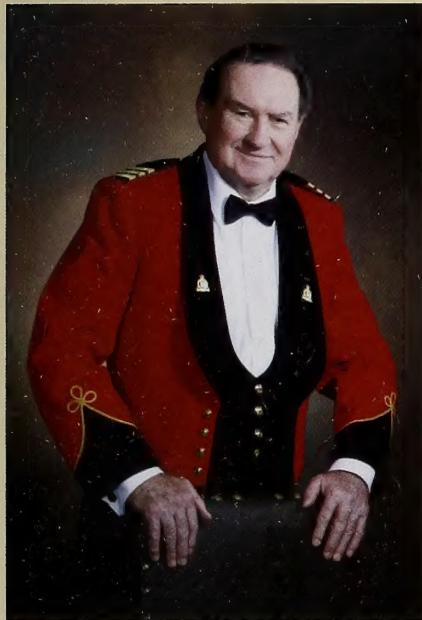
in the spring 2014 *Andean* where he stated that "lasting pleasure comes from giving not getting." He leaves behind his brother, **Brian '52**.

1961

PETER KERN

Peter Stephen Kern passed away June 12, 2014 at his

Kingsley Ward, 1932-2014



“I could not ask for a more generous and loyal governor and Andrean.”

—Michael Sifton '79, Chairman of the Board,
St. Andrew's College

home in Lower Rose Bay, N.S. He attended St. Andrew's from 1960–61 where he was a member of First Swimming, Glee Club, and debating. After graduation, he attended Queen's University to study medicine. Peter was a pioneer in the field of solar energy and a staunch environmentalist. He is survived by his wife, Georgia West, and son, Damian (Roxanne).

1979

SCOTT ROWNTREE

P. Scott Rowntree died September 20, 2014 in Stouffville, Ont. He attended St. Andrew's from 1976–79 where he played First

Rugby and First Football. Scott was a House Captain and involved in drama. During his career, Scott was the general manager of his family business, Golden Mile Motors Limited, which owned On the Park Lexus and On the Park Toyota.

A funeral service was held for him at SAC's Memorial Chapel on September 26. In a eulogy



George Kingsley (King) Ward passed away on August 17, 2014 in Toronto. King served as a member of the St. Andrew's College Board of Governors for 28 years from 1983–2011 where he sat on numerous committees and participated in many special projects. The School is forever grateful for his wise counsel and unfailing support, which has helped make SAC the amazing school it is today.

Michael Sifton '79 called King a great Canadian and a true friend of St. Andrew's with "a wealth of experience, sage advice, and steadfast support for SAC's traditions." He remembers that King never missed a single meeting during his tenure with the board and was always ready to share his "time and treasure" to support any initiative that helped our school.

King was the Chair of the Finance Committee in 1998 when Beth McKay

was hired as the School's Chief Financial Officer. She recalls him as being "a straight shooter, a strong advocate of the School, and extremely supportive and encouraging of senior management."

Upon his retirement from the board in 2011, King remarked that he was "extremely proud to have helped create St. Andrew's as a top world-class school" and expressed pleasure to have seen "the results of our teachers' and staff's efforts in educating our young men."

Hundreds of people attended King's funeral, which was held in SAC's Memorial Chapel on August 22 and officiated by SAC's Rev. Bruce Roffey. Pipes and drums were provided by two current students; Joseph Shields '15 and Andrew Mackin '15.

King is survived by his wife, Adele; children, Julie and J.R. Kingsley '83 (Christine); and grandchildren, Kingsley, Mich, Max, and Gigi.

delivered by his former classmate Michael Sifton '79, Scott was described as a man who "really loved his family, sports, music, movies, cooking, Muskoka and Queen's University. But he loved, loved his children and St. Andrew's College." Scott is survived by his son, Connor '13, and daughters, Brynlyn and Jordyn.

1996

ALEXANDER BERKOVSKY

Alexander "Sasha" Berkovsky passed away December 2013 in Vancouver. He attended St. Andrew's from 1992–96 where he was part of the Track and Nordic Ski teams. He is survived

by his mother, Zoya, and sister, Elaine. He is predeceased by his father, Igor.

1997

ERIC MORGAN

Eric Hugh Morgan passed away April 11, 2014 in Sault Ste. Marie. He attended St. Andrew's from 1991–97 where he was Head of House and participated in drama. After graduation, Eric attended the University of Toronto and spent his career as president of Birchland Plywood-Veneer Ltd. He is survived by his wife, Heidi; son, Maxwell; parents, Bruce and Linda; brother, Michael '94; and nephews, Mackenzie '18 and Jake Morgan. 



The importance of play in a boy's world

A group of five graduated Middle Schoolers dropped by my office for a chat at the start of the school year in September. We casually talked about our summers, goals for the upcoming year, and...recess.

Recess, it seems, was the one (and only) thing they were worried about losing. While they were well-prepared for the challenges of Upper School (and theoretically, they could use their break or lunch time for this purpose), they were troubled by the very idea that recess—an official opportunity for unorganized physical activity—would no longer break up their day.

In an era of declining recess programs for fear of missing out on significant curriculum, or worse, for fear of students being injured, many public school boards are decreasing the time provided for students to engage in free play, and in some cases, are cancelling recess programs altogether. This will never happen at St. Andrew's.

As an educator at an all-boys school, I believe the need for boys to be involved in physical movement, social interaction, unorganized sport, and even daydreaming, has never been clearer. We are working with students as young as nine years old, and we expect a great deal of them during the academic day. Not only are our expectations high on the academic front, but we also expect brilliant things from them in the art studio, on the playing field, in the music room, and in their day-to-day doings. At times, it can be a lot.

Flying footballs, touch versus tackle, laps around the turf field, basketball, and even lounging chats while sprawled on the field is a typical recess portrait. These self-selected activities are how our Middle School boys enjoy spending their leisure time at SAC. And, it comes fully equipped with a variety of gear—including Frisbees, balls, or simply, their own imagination.

The Middle School prides itself on the daily supervised recess program. We recognize the important role that this 'down time' plays in their ability to maintain focus during their post-lunch classes. Well-documented studies



highlight the significant opportunities afforded to boys who participate in a recess program, beyond helping them focus on cognitive tasks. The break from formal classroom training allows the boys to rest their minds, play, and develop their imagination. And most importantly, recess activity allows them to socialize with their peers beyond a structured classroom setting—a learned skill that free-play opportunities help to build.

Recess also sets an early expectation that play is valuable and helps to create a desire to be physically active; that knowledge carried into adulthood, can lead to reduced risk of obesity, diabetes, and heart disease.

To fail to provide a recess program for boys is to fail to understand the factors essential in contributing to their school success. The International Boys' School Coalition (IBSC), of which SAC is a member, advocates that an ideal learning environment for boys includes programs designed to meet their needs. We cannot underestimate the value free play programs have to a successful learning environment for boys—and, to the adults who are entrusted with their care.

So if you happen to catch our Middle Schoolers on Yuill Field after lunch one day, rest assured there is more at work than simply playing and milling about. **SABRINA D'ANGELO**

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